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This volume, which is the thirty-ninth in the series formerly issued under the direction of the Record Commissioners, contains the minutes of the Selectmen's Meetings from September 1, 1818, to the final meeting of April 24, 1822, after which date the town government ceased to exist. This book completes the twenty-second and twenty-third volumes of the original records of the Selectmen's Minutes.

EDWARD W. McGLENEN,
City Registrar.

OLD COURT HOUSE, BOSTON.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK TWENTY-SECOND.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 1st. 1818 — Present all the members of the Board except Mr. Silsby.

Passed the quarterly & monthly accounts.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Thacher informed him he had sent a note to the President of the South Boston Association, requesting that some person or persons might be appointed to meet and confer with committees from this Board and the Board of Health on the subject of locating a lot of land for a burial ground at South Boston; to which he had not received any reply.—

The committee of Section No. 3 reported they had viewed Summer street and were of opinion it was necessary to pave that street from Beacon street to the cross pavement now laid there. report accepted.—

They also reported they had viewed Bowdoin street but had not decided what repairs were necessary, they requested the whole Board would view it previous to any decision on the subject.—

The Chairman reported that agreeably to the vote of the Board the 25th ultimo he had notified Col. Badger, and that he had also written Messrs. David Nickerson & Barzillia [**2.**] Hudson Guardians to —— Nickerson on the subject of said slip of land; in consequence of which Mr. D. Nickerson had called on him and disputed the right of the town to any land which he held as guardian to said Nickerson. — The Board after some conversation on the subject, voted, to refer the business to the committee of Section No. 1. who were authorized to employ Mr. Taylor as a surveyor if they found it necessary.

The Board agreeably to assignment again considered the request of Mr. Greenough to lower Court street, after considerable debate on the subject, it was asserted, that if the request was granted a cross gutter would be necessary to ascertain this, it was moved & voted, that further consideration of this subject be referred to the next meeting of the Board.—

The following Rules & Orders for the regulation of trucks, carts & sleds were passed and ordered to be printed. — viz.—

Notice to owners of trucks, carts & sleds.

It is hereby *ordered,* That from & after Monday the 14th instant the trucks & carts owned by any inhabitants of the town of Boston, shall be allowed to stand in the following streets.

Twenty trucks with two horses harnessed [**3.**] to each, shall be allowed to stand in State street, to extend from Merchants-row to Long wharf on the north side; and from Kilby street to Broad street, on the south side, ten on each side of the street, in the following order.—

The trucks numbered from 1 to 20 to have the privilege of that stand for one week; those numbered from 21 to 40. to stand there the second week; those numbered from 41 to 60. to stand there the third week, and those numbered from 61 to 80. to stand there the fourth week in succession. After which they shall begin again the rotation. and no truck will be allowed to stand in State-street that does not belong to the class of the week.—

Six trucks and four carts may stand in Custom House street.—

Eight carts may stand in Liberty square. — All other carts not accommodated as above shall stand in Adams street.—

No truck nor sled with one horse shall be permitted to stand in State street.—

Such trucks and carts as have lately been allowed to stand at the east end of Faneuil Hall, shall be permitted to continue there for the present, under the direction of the Clerk of the Market.—

All other trucks not accommodated as [**4.**] above, shall stand in Broad street, from Center street southerly, one half the number on each side of the street, with their horses' heads and the ends of the trucks at two feet distance from the flag stone.

All sleds owned by any inhabitant of this town shall be registered and numbered, and shall take their stands in the season when they shall be in use, under the same regulation as are above pointed out for trucks and carts.—

And it is hereby ordered, in pursuance of the authority vested in the Selectmen by a law of this Commonwealth, passed

June 19th, 1809, That if any person shall offend against the above rules, orders and regulations, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five, nor less than two dollars upon conviction of every breach of the same.—

It is further ordered, that so much of the rules and orders of the Selectmen, passed on the 22d. day of July A.D. 1812 — as relates to the stands of trucks, carts and sleds, belonging to the inhabitants of the town of Boston, is hereby repealed.

By order of the Selectmen,
Turner Phillips, Chairman.
Attest. Thomas Clark, Town Clerk.

[**5.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen September 9th, 1818 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.

The subject of lowering Court street was taken up and referred to the next meeting of the Board.

The Board at the request of Daniel D. Rogers Esq. again considered the subject of his application to erect a livery stable near Scott's Court, and, voted, That the vote of the Board passed July 1, 1818, granting permission to Danl. D. Rogers Esq. to erect a livery stable on his land adjoining Scott's Court so called, on certain conditions be rescinded, and that they adhere to their vote (on the subject) of the 25th of August last.—

The application of Artemas Ward Esq. for permission to dig a well & place a pump in the same in Park street was committed to the committee of Section No. 3.—

Mr. John Vinton was appointed Superintendant of the chimney sweeps.

The Chairman and Mr. Lovering were appointed a committee to take measures for procuring oil for the town lamps.—

It being suggested that the town [**6.**] had an interest in the Town Dock, the emoluments arising from which have for a number of years been received by Messrs. Codman & Miller and it being apprehended that they would shortly establish a right from quiet possession; and the Board being of opinion it was important to ascertain the town's right therein it was voted, that the Chairman be requested to employ Benjamin Whitman Esq. as an attorney for ascertaining the interest the town of Boston now have in the Town Dock or any part thereof, and that said attorney be directed to report on the same immediately.—

The application respecting repairs on Mason street was committed to the committees of Sections No. 3 & 4.—

Mr. Isaac Bowers having applied to be licensed to sell at auction, household furniture, real estate, goods taken by execution &c — was licensed as an auctioneer; his office when located to be approbated by the Selectmen.—

A certificate was signed approving of the theatre in Federal street, and of the company under Messrs. Powell & Dickson for the exhibition of stage plays & other theatrical performances during the ensuing season.—

[7.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen September 16th, 1818 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell Lovering, Austin, Bass, & Dorr.

46 jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

The Board agreeably to assignment again took into consideration the request of Mr. David Greenough for permission to lower Court street, when after duly considering the subject it was

Voted, That in the opinion of the Selectmen the lowering of Court street at the head of the new street leading to Brattle street meeting house, or in front of Mr. Greenoughs stores would not be of public utility, and that no sufficient reason has been offered to them, to induce them to reconsider their former vote on this subject.

The committee of Section No. 3 to whom was referred the application of Artemas Ward Esq. reported, that Mr. Ward have permission to dig a well in Park street in front of his estate and place a pump in the same on the following conditions, viz. That the well be dug at such a distance from the rail fence as the Selectmen shall direct, that the pump be well finished and painted, that there be a good shoe to the same, that the waste water from it be conducted under ground to the common shore & that he oblige himself, his heirs & the estate to keep the whole of the same in good repair & that it shall not at any time hereafter become a charge to the Town.

[8.] A complaint being made to the Selectmen, That William Trefry of Boston, cooper, was in the daily habit of indulging in the excessive use of ardent spirits, the consequence of which was a neglect of his business, squandering and misapplying his property, neglect of the duties of a husband, a parent & that of a good citizen, & in consequence of the above indulgence is mentally deranged at times, and the welfare of

good citizens put at hazard and in jeopardy; praying that the Selectmen would take the conduct of said Trefry under consideration & cause such measures to be taken as are agreeable to law & justice; and further stating that said Trefry to the best of their belief has property sufficient to afford him and his family a suitable maintenance provided a proper application thereof be made, and requesting that seasonable measures may be taken for appointing some trusty person to take charge of his effects, to the end that they may not become an expense to the town. — The Board having made inquisition of the above and being satisfied that facts stated were true, certified the same to the Hon. Judge of Probate requesting that a guardian might be appointed for said Trefry.—

The application of James T. Austin that the Selectmen would take a passage way between Hancock & Temple streets as a Town's street or public passage way, was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.—

[**9.**] The application of Samuel Parkman Esq. that a pump placed by him in Cambridge street, should in future be kept in repair at the expense of the Town, was committed to the committee of Section No. 2.

Mr. Jesse Churchill was appointed a constable; to name his sureties for the approbation of the Board.—

The committee of Section No. 1. to whom was referred the papers respecting the land on a passageway leading from Prince street to the Mill Pond land, formerly leased to Jonas Welsh and now in the possession of David Nickerson & Barzillai Hudson — Reported, That they were fully satisfied the land belonged to the town.—

John Johnson was appointed one of the chimney sweeps.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 23d, 1818 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.—

The Chairman reported that he had communicated to Mr. Greenough the vote of the board of the 16th instant respecting the lowering of Court street, & requested he would (agreeably to a notification sent him long since) have his side walk made to conform to the street.

[**10.**] A report was made on the application of James T. Austin Esq. That Ridgways Lane be taken as a town street or public passageway on condition that he, or the abutters cause a gutter to be paved in the centre of the whole street, or other-

wise put in such order as will be acceptable to the Selectmen. Report accepted.—

A Report was also made (on the application of Samuel Parkman Esq. that a pump erected by him in Cambridge street might be kept in repair at the town's expense) that it was found on enquiry that he had erected said pump for the benefit of his estates on that street, and that Mr. Stone who is now a tenant of Mr. Parkman's, says he considers it as belonging or attached to the store, and that he has the control of it during the remainder of his lease. It was therefore, voted, that the request cannot be granted.—

The sureties offered by Mr. Churchill viz. Benj. B. Leeds & Hazen Morse, were accepted by the Board.

On the application of Luther Farwell for permission to lower Southack street near George street — Voted, That Mr. Farwell be permitted to lower the street, he doing it at his own expense and under the inspection and direction of the Selectmen.

[**11.**] Mr. Augustus Storey was appointed an auctioneer, his place of business to be in Court street nearly opposite to the gaol.—

On the representation of a number of citizens that Mary & Catharine Byles residents in Nassau Street were utterly unable from age & other circumstances to pay the expence of erecting the side walk in front of their estate, and the Board being fully convinced that this was the fact — Voted, that the expense be paid by the town.—

The representation of the state of Beacon street by H. G. Otis Esq. was referred to the committee of the Common with power to do what they should think necessary.—

The committee for repairing Bowdoin street were requested to proceed on that business and make such repairs as they should deem necessary.

The application of H. G. Otis Esq. for permission to have a bakers oven erected at No. 67 Broad street was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.—

It being thought necessary the Board should view and give directions respecting the work now carrying on at Deer Island, it was voted, that the Board will on Thursday the 1st October (if the weather is suitable) visit that island.—

[**12.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 30th, 1818 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Silsby.

Passed the monthly accounts.

4 grand & 4 petit jurors drawn for the United States Circuit Court.

The committee on Section No 4 who were appointed the 25th May last to ascertain the bounds of Harvard street, and who reported the 17th June, made a further report as follows, which was read and accepted.— viz.

The Committee appointed to ascertain the south line of Harvard street, have viewed the same and ascertained the bounds to their satisfaction; which appears to be twenty one inches north of the corner of Mr. Baxter's fence — they further would state that in your committee's opinion that part of the land lying between the above bounds and Mr. Baxters fence should be taken for the benefit of the street — which will add to the lower part of said street twenty one inches running to nothing at the upper part of said street.

Boston Sep. 28, 1818. Jona. Hunewell, Joseph Lovering } Committee

[**13.**] The Committee of the Neck were authorized to employ some person or persons to dike the Salt Marsh on the east side of the Neck.

The Chairman reported that (in behalf of the Committee of Section No. 2) he had agreed with Messrs. Binney & Lincoln, to pay them fifty cents per square foot for the land to widen Green street — Accepted.—

In consequence of the continual passing of trucks & carts through the Market, to the annoyance of persons hiring stalls at the west end of the market house & on the vegetable market; and the danger arising therefrom to the citizens; voted, that the Committee of the Market be authorized to have a chain placed across the passageway at the west end of the vegetable market during such hours of the day as they shall think necessary.

The Committee of Section No. 2. were authorized to pave a gutter on the southerly side of Gooch street.—

The Committee of the Market were requested to determine on the price to be demanded for the stalls at the west end of the market house for the ensuing year, to commence from the first of November next, and also whether it would be expedient to

charge the lemon sellers for their stand in Market square & report to the Board.

[**14.**] Mr. Thomas Bordman was approved as an auctioneer; his office to be in Broad or India streets.—

The Superintendent of Police and the Deputy Police Officer presented their quarterly returns of fines &c.—

Boston ss. October 1st. 1818.—

The Board agreeably to assingment visited Deer Island; present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.

The object of this visit was for the purpose of superintending the barrier that is now erecting against the inroad that the sea is making on the island, which the Board with regret observe is very great; altho there is no sum granted by the town for this purpose the Board are unanimously of opinion the importtance of the island for the security of the harbour is so great that they consider it a duty incumbent on them to use their best endeavours for its preservation; they therefore cannot doubt the public will approve of their expending the whole income of the island for this object, even this is so very small it obliges them to confine their expenditures to that part which claimed their attention the last year, where they caused a wall to be built, & although [**15.**] this wall was in a great measure demolished the last season by an uncommon heavy sea, they have the gratification to find, that, (in the opinion of those who are competent judges) it prevented the sea from making a breach through the island. — The agreement with Mr. Tewkesbury for building this wall was twelve and one half cents per ton for carting the stones — but the Board being now of opinion that a range of heavy stones placed in a line will answer the same purpose and be less expensive have given directions accordingly. — Mr. Tukesbury having stated that it will require more labor to collect the stones in future, he having now to dig them out of the upland, the Board agreed to pay him for those he shall cart after this time twenty five cents for each load containing one & one half tons, he to spread them according to directions. — The Board also examined the state of the buildings, and finding the roof of the hall in a decayed state, and Mr. Tukesbury representing the great want of lodging rooms to accommodate persons that from stress of weather are driven on the island and others that wished to board there during the summer season and that from the profits arising from the latter he should be enabled in future to pay punctually a higher rent. — The Board giving these subjects their due weight and taking into consideration that

Mr. Tukesbury owed the town for back rent a sum sufficient to erect a story over the hall for bed rooms, which from loss of sheep and other circumstances he was unable to pay [**16.**] in money; — Voted, that the Chairman, Mr. Oliver & Mr. Hunewell be a committee to contract with Mr. Tukesbury to add a story over the hall to be appropriated for bed rooms provided he will do it on reasonable terms, to be paid for by him and deducted from the sum he now owes the town. — It was also found that the chimney wants repairing & that the south end of the house leaked and wants repair.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 7th, 1818. — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Farnam.—

Mr. William Adams having applied to lease a lot of the Town's Mill Pond Land near Pitt's street; — The Board agreed he should have it for twenty dollars per annum, with the privilege of placing a carpenters shop thereon, he to remove the same when directed by the Selectmen so to do.—

The Committee of Section No. 2 were desired to take measures to remove an incroachment on Brighton Street, if found to be such.—

Ordered, that the Treasurer be requested to send J. P. Davis Esq. a bill for the rent of [**17.**] flats at the bottom of the common, over which he has erected a platform from the end of his rope walk.—

The Chairman was authorized to employ some person to copy the records respecting the Town Dock.

Mr. John Perkins was licensed as an auctioneer.

Mr. Phinehas Capen was approved as an auctioneer, his place of business to be at Mr. Simpson's north side of the Market.—

Mess Austin & Bass were appointed a committee to pass on the applications for licenses.—

The proposals for supplying oil for the Town lamps for the ensuing season were now opened and it appearing that Messrs. Josiah Bradlee & Co. offered it on the most advantageous terms, it was decided that their offer be accepted.—

[**18.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 14th, 1818. Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Farnam.

The committee of the Market agreeably to a request of the Board of the 30th. ultimo — have attended the service assigned them and report, That the stalls at the west end of the Market house be leased for one year (to commence on the first day of November next) on the following conditions. — viz.—

1st. All back rent to be paid before a new lease is given.
2d. The Town shall be at all reasonable expense in keeping the stalls in repair.—
3d. The lessee on receiving his lease shall pay in advance to the Clerk of the Market thirteen dollars taking his receipt therefor, which sum shall be repaid the lessee by deducting twenty five cents a week from his weekly rent.—
4th. — The rent of the stalls shall be paid weekly to the Clerk of the Market.—
5th. The lessee is prohibited from letting his stall to any person without the consent of the Committee of the Market.—
6th. The lessee is not to throw any animal substances, scrapings, or any kind of dirt about his stall, but shall deposit the same in a basket or tub, to be disposed of as the Clerk of the Market shall direct.—
[**19.**] 7th. — No lessee allowed to have in his or her possession any lighted cigar or pipe in the building to which his stall is attached.—
8th. — For, the violation of any of the above conditions, as well as all other laws for regulating the Market, the lessee shall forfeit the money advanced & the lease of his stall.—
9th. — If the lessee or any person acting for or under him shall be convicted before a Justice of the Peace of forestalling he shall forfeit his lease and the money advanced.—
10th. — And it is further stipulated that all persons occupying stalls shall be subject to obey all general rules and regulations adopted, or which may be adopted by the Committee of the Market, on penalty of the forfeiture of his stall and cash advanced.

The Committee being of opinion that the stalls were leased the last year at too high a rate, recommend the following prices be fixed to them, which is a reduction of about 33 per cent. — viz.—

Stalls No. 1, 6, 7, 16, 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 43, 52 & 55 — two dollars per week.
No. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 30, 40, 41, 46, 49, 50, & 51, one dollar & fifty cents.
No. 8, 11, 12, 20, 21, & 48. — one dollar & twenty five cents.
No. 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 37, 42, 44, 45, 53 & 54, one dollar & seventy five cents.
No. 5, 38, 39 & 47, one dollar, and No. 56, two dollars & fifty cents pr. week.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.—

[**20.**] The Committee appointed the first instant made the following report.—
That they had conferred with Mr. Tukesbury on the subject for which they were appointed, and received from him the following conditions on which he will have the work completed, viz.—

I will agree to put a story on the building at Deer Island, fifty feet long & sixteen feet wide, seven feet in clear height, hipped roof, eight windows, six doors and a flight of stairs, to lath and plaister, clapboard, shingle and paint; and complete the buildings to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, for six hundred dollars; five hundred of which is to go towards the debt I now owe the Town, and one hundred dollars to be advanced by the town. — said story to be made into five rooms and an entry according to the plan on the other side hereof.—
signed Wm. Tukesbury.
Boston, Octr. 12, 1818.—

The committee taking into consideration the sum Mr. Tukesbury owes the town, which in their opinion there is no prospect of his paying in any other way, and that the Island will rent for (at least) as much more as will pay the interest of the cost of the addition to the building, recommend that the terms offered by Mr. Tukesbury be accepted.

The above report being read, was accepted, & the Chairman authorized to agree with Mr. Tukesbury.—

[**21.**] The Chairman Messrs. Dorr & Farnam were requested to view the estate belonging to the heirs of the late Mr. Job Prince, and direct where the fence shall be placed on the land belonging to that estate, in Chambers street, and the street leading to the General Hospital.—

Henry King was licensed to sweep chimneys in this Town, during the pleasure of the Board.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 21st, 1818. — Present Messrs. Phillips, Austin, Bass, Silsby & Farnam.—

A Warrant was signed for a Town meeting, for the 2d. day of November next, being the first Monday in that month, for the choice of a Representative in Congress for this district.—

Mr. Dorr to request the Rev. Mr. Palfrey to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Buckingham to print the Notifications.

The committee appointed on the 25th August last to join a committee of the Board of Health for the purpose of conferring with the committee appointed by the proprietors of land at South Boston, on the subject of locating a lot of land for a burial ground, in conformity to the [**22.**] Act of the Legislature annexing that peninsula to the Town of Boston. — Report — that they with the committee from the Board of Health, have had a conference with the committee of said proprietors and say (with regret) there is not the least prospect of an amicable agreement between the parties, they therefore recommend that the Town attorney be instructed to call another meeting of the commissioners as soon as possible.—

The committee would inform the Board that the committee of the proprietors give notice that they had located the two other lots, viz. for a market place & schools and requested the Board would view and approve of the same — The committee therefore recommend that the Board now assign a time when the whole Board will proceed to South Boston and view the two lots last mentioned; The committee are of opinion this subject requires immediate attention, as in case they should not approve those lots, the commissioners may then proceed to set off the three lots agreeably to the provisions of the act of annexation.

The above report was accepted and the Chairman instructed to request Mr. Thacher to call the commissioners together as soon as may be. — As the Board from various causes was this day thin, it was voted to postpone fixing a time for viewing the lots located for the market place and schools, to the next meeting of the Board.—

[**23.**] Mr. Lovering was requested to employ some person to erect a pound for hogs; — adjoining the enclosure for bulls.

Mr. Stephen Gibson having applied to be appointed one of the auctioneers of the Town, the same was granted; — his place of business to be in Purchase street in the rear of the White Stores, Fosters Wharf.—

Thomas Jones (a black man) was appointed one of the sweepers of chimneys of the Town during the pleasure of the Board.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 28th, 1818 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

The application of a number of persons holding stalls for selling beef on the north side of the vegetable market requesting the Board would lease them the stalls on the south side of said market, for the reason set forth in their petition, was laid

before the Board; — when it appearing the stalls applied for by them were leased in April last for one year, the Board were of opinion *this alone* was sufficient to prevent the request's being granted.—

The request of William Burroughs to project a ten foot building from that part of the almshouse land which he rents of the Overseers of the Poor, over the dock at the bottom of Cart Lane, [**24.**] the projection not to exceed ten feet, was referred to the Committee of Section No 2.—

A note from Gen. Sullivan to the Chairman complaining that the flue of the chimney of the engine house in School street, which opened into a chimney in his building was the cause of his chimney's smoking — and offering to give room for a separate flue if the town would be at the expense. — was read. — The Chairman informed that he had called on one of the Fire Wards (Maj Thayer) attached to that engine, examined the chimney — he found that there had not been any fire made in it, & that the flue had been stopped by order of the former Chairman of this Board, & that it was the opinion of the Fireward and one of the engine men (Mr. New) that the Chimney was not necessary, and would consequently be a useless expense. — report accepted.—

A letter from Jedediah Herrick sheriff of the county of Penobscot stating the state taxes now due on Township No. 5 belonging to the Town of Boston was communicated by the chairman with his reply thereto — which are on file.—

A note from Willard Phillips Esq. requesting (in behalf of Miss Perkins) that the Board would relinquish the mortgage on house and land in Washington street, the amount of which was $541.18 — and take Messrs. George Jackson & Co.'s note for that sum payable next August.

The Chairman was instructed to inform Mr. Phillips, the Board considered Messrs. Jackson's [**25.**] names unquestionably good for that amount; but that they could not with propriety relinquish real for personal security.—

The Board again took under consideration the expediency of visiting South Boston to view the lots said to be located for a market place and for a school, but upon due consideration it was thought not expedient to proceed in this business until the commissioners had located the burying ground, which the Chairman informed could not be accomplished before the last of next month, as it would not be convenient for the commissioners to meet before the 23d. of November next.—

Mr. Lovering reported, that agreeably to the request of the Board he had employed a person to build a pound for hogs &c which was completed. The same gentleman was desired to procure firewood for the school house at South Boston.—

Mr. Dorr was empowered to have another lamp put up in India street, if in his opinion it was necessary.—

Return was made by Mr. Hunewell that he had examined the accounts of the hay weigher for the quarter ending October 1st. the whole amount of the proceeds was $345.38. and the balance due the Town was $105.5. which he had ordered paid to the Treasurer.—

The Clerk of the Market stated that when [**26.**] his salary was granted his collections amounted to about two hundred & sixty dollars a year, that for the year ending the 24th. instant they had amounted to six thousand six hundred & thirty two dollars fifty four cents. — and praying the Board would make him such allowance for his additional services in keeping an account with each person that held a stall & collecting the rent as they should think he merited. — The Board after maturely considering this request. — Voted, That in consideration of the additional duty that devolves on the Clerk of the Market, he being now obliged to keep an account with each person who hires a stall, and collect the rent thereof, and for his faithful discharge of this & his other duties that there be allowed him in addition to his stated salary two and a half per cent on the amount of the rents collected by him, during the pleasure of the Board.—

Return was made by the Chairman (one of the committee of the Market) that he had examined the accounts of the Clerk of the Market for the quarter ending the 24th. instant the whole amount of which was three thousand & thirteen dollars eighty eight cents, which he had ordered to be paid to the Treasurer.

The Committee of the Common were requested to ascertain whether the proprietors of the rope walks at the bottom of the Common had complied with the conditions [**27.**] on which the land was granted to them by the Town, and also to ascertain what incroachments (if any) said proprietors have made on the Town's land or flats, also what rent is due (if any) from Mr. J. P. Davis or others, for any portion of the town's flats they have been permitted to occupy.

Mr. David M. Eaton was licensed as an auctioneer for the remainder of the ensuing year, his place of business Merchants Row.—

The Committee of Section No. 2 was requested to view Wilsons Lane and report what repairs were necessary the present season.—

The Chairman made the following communication. — viz.—

Boston, October 22d 1818.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

Gentlemen

It is understood that Col Trumbull would be disposed to exhibit in Boston, his interesting picture of the Declaration of Independence, before its final deposit in Washington, if a suitable place could be obtained for the purpose, *Faneuil Hall* has been mentioned; the accompanying letter from Professor Silliman, which gives this intimation, expresses the reasons for preferring that apartment, for the exhibition; and they are such as must make a powerful appeal to some of the most cherished sentiments of the citizens of the Town and of the respectable board whose permission is requisite to authorize this accommodation. [**28.**] In concurrence with the views suggested by Professor Silliman, and desirous that this admirable effort of native genius may be exhibited in Boston, in the most dignified and appropriate manner, and as shall be most grateful to the ingenious and estimable artist, we take the liberty of offering the subject for your consideration, and will hope for your favourable decision.

Respectfully,

your Obedient Servts.

(signed) John Davis, Wm. Sullivan, Wm. Prescott, Joseph Hall, George Blake, Geo. Cabot, Timo. Williams, Jos. May, Wm. Wells, J. P. Davis, T. Dawes, J. T. Austin, Jona. Mason, A. Welles.—

Having had the pleasure of seeing Colo. Trumbull's picture referred to in this note, I feel very desirous that it should be exhibited under all possible advantages in this town and that nothing more appropriate than [that] Faneuil Hall be the place of exhibition.

signed Isaac Parker.

The letter of Professor Silliman alluded to is as follows.—

New York October 19th. 1818.

Dear Sir

A visit to this place has given me the opportunity of seeing Colo. Trumbull's magnificent picture of the Declaration of Independence, it is to be delivered in Washington in February, in the mean time it is left at the colonels [**29.**] disposition & I am induced to believe that he would be willing to exhibit it in Boston provided Faneuil Hall could be obtained for this purpose. This room is peculiarly adapted to it both from its size and from its having been the cradle of American Liberty.

I cannot doubt your intelligent & liberal minded community would be highly gratified by an opportunity of seeing this picture which otherwise probably only a few of them comparatively would ever possess.

Should the thing strike you as I cannot doubt that it will, your interference with your Selectmen for the use of the room, and your influence with some other gentlemen of enlarged curiosity & taste, would no doubt bring the thing forward in the best manner, and as winter is approaching should the picture be carried to Boston it must be soon.—

I remain Dear Sir very respectfully
your very obedient & obliged sert.
signed B Silliman.

P. S. should you honor me with an answer please direct to New Haven & I will see that every proper step is taken with Col Trumbull.—

The Chairman informed the Board, that taking into consideration the character & stations held in society by the gentlemen who signed the request; apprehending from the tenor of Professor Silliman's letter to Judge Davis that the picture would not be brought to this town unless the [**30.**] request was granted; that the season was so far advanced an immediate answer was requisite, deeming it also unnecessary to call a special meeting of the Board on the subject as he did not entertain the smallest doubt they would grant the request, not then having the knowledge that applications in any degree similar had heretofore been made and refused; but above all being impressed with the belief that every citizen of the town would be desirous of viewing a picture that was intended to commemorate one of the most glorious acts that ever was recorded on the page of history, he had (perhaps) prematurely addressed the following note to the Hon. Judge Davis.

Sir

The application signed by yourself and other very respectable gentlemen for the use of Faneuil Hall, for the purpose of exhibiting Col. Trumbull's interesting picture of the Declaration of Independence is received. The Board of Selectmen will meet on Wednesday next when it shall be laid before them, and I have not the least doubt it will afford them pleasure to grant the request, and that they will be highly gratified in viewing "this admirable effort of native genius." —

Should it be necessary to write Professor Silliman before the meeting of the Board, I will take upon myself the responsibility of granting the request after the 2d. of November [**31.**] next, when the citizens of the Town are to meet for the choice of a Representative to Congress for this District.—

I am very respectfully, yr. Obt. servt.
T. P. Chairman.

Hon. Judge Davis.

The Board took the foregoing statement into consideration, and although applications in some degree similar have heretofore been made to the Selectmen and refused, nevertheless, as the subject of the picture is of the highest importance, it being intended to commemorate the most important act that ever emblazoned the page of history, are of opinion it is expedient in this instance to deviate from their common practice & sanction the doings of the Chairman.

The Board having expressed this opinion the Chairman addressed the following note to the Hon. Judge Davis.

Sir

Your application for the use of Faneuil Hall for the purpose of exhibiting Col. Trumbull's picture of the Declaration of Independence was yesterday laid before the Selectmen.

Applications in some degree similar have been heretofore repeatedly made, and as repeatedly refused, but the Board being of opinion that this was a subject of the highest importance have deviated from their common practice and sanctioned the note I had the honor of addressing you the 23rd. instant.

I am very respectfully y r. obt. Servt. T. P. Chairman of the Selectmen

Hon'ble Judge Davis.

[**32.**] Boston S.S. At a meeting of the Selectmen, November 4th, 1818. Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby, & Farnam.

22 grand & 35 traverse jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.

The committee of section No. 2 to whom was referred the application of Mr. William Burroughs — reported that Mr. Burroughs request be granted provided there was no objection on the part of the overseers.

The committee of section No. 2 who were requested to view Wilsons Lane reported that in their opinion it was not necessary to make any repairs there the present season — report accepted.

Complaint having been made that Mr. Clark had taken up part of the side walk in Southack's Court and paved it with common paving stones; the Chairman was requested to direct the Superintendent of Police to call on Mr. Clark & direct him to have it laid with flagging stones.—

Tilson Ripley & Dudley Walker were approved as Auctioneers.—

Messrs. Lovering, Bass & Dorr were [**33.**] requested to view Devonshire street and report whether in their opinion it was necessary to take any measures to widen that street.—

The Chairman informed, he had been served with a citation from the Court of Sessions, to appear & shew cause why they should not license Joseph Hollis as an auctioneer to sell goods and chattels at public vendue according to the statute in such case made and provided, said Hollis having heretofore applied to the Selectmen for said license which they had unreasonably refused to grant. —Which the Chairman then read, whereupon it was voted, that the Chairman be instructed to hand the copy of said Hollis' Petition to P. O. Thacher Esq. and request him to appear in behalf of the Board and give their reasons for *refusing* to grant said Hollis a license as an auctioneer.

Mr. Farnam was authorized to lease a lot of the Mill Pond land belonging to the town, to Ebenezer Smith for such a sum as he (under existing circumstances) should think adequate. The lease to continue during the pleasure of the Board.

[**34.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 11th, 1818. Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin & Dorr.—.

6 Jurors were drawn for United States District Court.—

The Chairman informed that Mr. Clark had been directed to lay flagging stones on the side walk in Southack's Court where he had taken up the bricks, which he had promised to have done.—

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to view Devonshire street reported, that in their opinion it was not necessary at present to take any measures to widen that street — Report accepted.—

The Chairman informed that agreeably to the instructions of the Board at their last meeting he had delivered the citation from the Court of Sessions to P. O. Thacher Esq. and requested him to attend said court in behalf of the Board.—

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Town's right to a piece of land near Prince street now claimed by John Nickerson were requested to proceed in that business and report at the next meeting of the Board.—

[**35.**] The Chairman was requested to advance fifty dollars to Mr. Tukesbury on account of the building at Deer Island, and have it put into the next draft.—

The Chairman was instructed to have the remains of the cable and cordage used in taking down the walls of the Exchange building sold at auction.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 18th 1818. — Present the Board, excepting Mr. Oliver.—

Repeated complaints having been made that some of the persons holding stalls in Faneuil Hall market are in the constant practice of forestalling, and it being suggested to the Committee of the Market, that under the pretence of selling on commission, the laws against forestalling are daily violated — Resolved, That any person or persons, occupying any stall or stalls belonging to the town of Boston, shall not under any pretence whatsoever, receive or sell on commission at Faneuil Hall market, or receive for the purpose of selling on commission at said market, any meat, (pork excepted), poultry, wild fowl, or lump butter, from any person or persons whatever, within the limits of said town of Boston, unless done by the knowledge and with the express approbation of the Clerk of the Market. And it is further Resolved, that any person or persons who shall offend [**36.**] against the above shall forfeit the lease of his or their stall and the money advanced.

The Chairman to direct the Superintendent of Lamps, to have a lamp put up in Castle street by Mr. Gardiner lit at the Town's expense.—

The Chairman to notify owners of estates on that part of Nassau street that is paved to have their side walks completed according to law.—

Voted, That the whole Board will meet at their room on Monday next at 10 o'clock A. M. at which time and place the commissioners for locating a burying ground at South Boston are notified to meet and proceed on the business assigned them; — It was also voted, that the Chairman have a dinner provided for the Commissioners, the President of the Board of Health and himself.—

The Committee of the Common reported, — That they had met on the subject of the Rope Walks at the bottom of the Common, that they had examined the original grant of the land by the Town in 1794 and could not at present see that the proprietors had done any thing to forfeit their right. — That the committee had employed Mr. Taylor to take an accurate survey of the land covered by the rope walks and platforms; when this was completed, they should be able to ascertain what encroachments had [**37.**] been made on the Town's flats at the bottom of the Common, and also what rent, if any, was due for the same, and report to the Board.—

Application having been made to the Chairman for the Board to give some opinion in what course they wished the directors of the, Mill Dam Corporation to have the canal cut through the Town's land at Gravelly Point.— It was voted, that the whole Board will on some suitable day next week proceed to the point and decide on this question, & that Mr. Hunewell & Mr. Austin be desired to request Col. Baldwin & Mr. Mills to proceed with the Board and give their opinion and advice on this subject.—

The following votes of the Firewards was communicated by the Chairman, viz.—

"At a meeting of the Firewards Nov. 12, 1818.—

Voted, —That the Selectmen be requested to employ Mr. Ephraim Thayer to examine the hose & screws of the several engines, and make report to this Board at their next meeting, how many of the same are not constructed to connect. — Voted,—That each engine be provided with ninety feet of line, and that the Selectmen be requested to procure the same."

"A true copy of record. —

A. Cunningham Secretary."

The Chairman informed that Mr. Thayer had been requested to make the examination, & that the line had been procured.

[38.] An application that a pump in Well street might be repaired was referred to Mr. Austin.—

A communication was received from the Treasurer of the Franklin Fund with a list of the bonds belonging to the Fund on which there are instalments due and on which he wished the instructions of the Trustees. The subject was considered by the Board & committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Hunewell and Farnam.—

The Chairman, Mr. Hunewell & Mr. Silsby were appointed a committee to receive the report and opinion of B. Whitman Esq. respecting the Town's right in the Town Dock.—

The Chairman was instructed to notify Messrs. S. Parkman & P. P. Pope to have the foot walk in front of their lots in Purchase street laid with plank on or before Saturday next; on failure thereof the Board would proceed to have them laid with brick.—

Mr. Farnam reported that he had leased a lot of the Town's Mill Pond land in Merrimack street marked A. to Mr. Greely for five years at twenty five dollars a year. The lessee to give up the lease whenever the land is wanted by the Town. — reserving twenty five feet in width & 120½ feet in length as a passageway to the stables of the Green Dragon Tavern.

The Board considered the subject of the remuneration to be made to persons [**39.**] building common shores, by those who should afterwards enter their particular drains therein, or receive in any more remote way benefit therefrom, and agreed upon a general system for the future, which is entered in the Common Shore book.—

Mr. John W. Quincy was approved as an auctioneer — his place of business No. 11 Commercial street.—

Messrs. McClennen & Marsh's accounts for taking down the walls of the Exchange Coffee House destroyed by fire, were laid before the Board who took them under consideration & being of opinion some of the charges were unreasonably high, It was voted, that the Chairman inform those gentlemen of the opinion of the Board, and that they propose submitting it to arbitration. — That they might hand to the Chairman a list of twelve gentlemen from which the Board would select three, or the Board would name twelve from which they might select three.—

Benjamin Russell a mulatto man was authorized to sweep chimneys in this town for the space of three months as an asisstant to Mr. King.

The Town Clerk produced the Treasurer's receipt for five promissory notes signed by Jacob Tidd Jr. for three hundred and seventy eight dollars each payable in from one, to five years, for a lot of the Town's Mill Pond land sold him.

[**40.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 1, [25?] 1818 — Present, The Board except Mr. Silsby.—

6 Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court. — say drawn on the 26th. instant.—

Mr. William Foster appeared before the Board and stated the nature of the vacant land belonging to him in Nassau street, where he had been notified to complete the side walk, was such, that it would not if completed continue any length of time; that he contemplated building on this ground the next spring and requested the Board would indulge him so far as to permit him to plank it for the present season. Referred to Mr. Hunewell and Mr. Lovering — with the other side walks on that side of the street, to view & report.—

The Chairman made the following report of the proceedings of the Board respecting South Boston burial ground, viz.—

Agreeably to assignment the following members of the Board assembled at the Selectmens Room on Monday the 23d. instant

at 10 o'clock A. M — vizt. Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Farnam, where they were met by the commissioners appointed to set off a burial ground at South Boston agreeably to the act annexing [**41.**] that peninsula to the Town of Boston (the former doings of said commissioners having been set aside by the S. J. Court at their late session at Taunton) The following parties in addition to the commissioners and Selectmen appeared, viz. The Board of Health, — Joseph Woodward, Mr. Gould & Mr. Bent a committee of the inhabitants of South Boston, Wm Tudor Jr. for his father, Wm. P. Mason for his father & Saml. D. Parker for self & Jonathan Mason; when after a full hearing of the parties they proceeded to South Boston, and again went over the ground, viewed the lot pointed out by the proprietors and inhabitants as most suitable (in their opinion) for the purpose, and having also viewed that which the Selectmen & Board of Health considered most suitable, returned to town; — at 4 p. m. the parties again met at the Selectmens room, when they were again heard by the commissioners. — The parties then withdrew and left the commissioners to make up their report.—

Mr. Austin to whom was referred the application respecting the pump in Well street — reported, That the pump in Well street be put under the care & direction of Mr. James Weld, that he pay all expenses for keeping it in repair, and that he be authorized to assess and collect from the several householders, or others, known to make use of the same, a proportionable part of said expenses, agreeably to a By Law passed May 22d, 1801 ————Report accepted, ——— and an attested copy sent to Mr. Weld.

[**42.**] The Committee appointed to receive the report and opinion of B. Whitman Esq. respecting the town's right in the Town Dock made the following report, viz.

The committee appointed to receive the report of Benjamin Whitman Esq. employed as counsel to examine the papers and records respecting the Town Dock, and report his opinion, as to any rights the town have in the present Town Dock; have attended that service and report. That they have received from Mr. Whitman a very elaborate and (in their opinion) able report, from which it appears, that the Town have a right in the present Town Dock conjointly with individuals. — They therefore recommend that a committee be appointed with full power to pursue such measures as with advice of counsel may, be deem'd expedient to establish and maintain the Towns rights therein, which is submitted

By order of the committee

Nov. 23d, 1818 — Turner Phillips, Chairman.

Report accepted, and the same committee appointed with full powers to carry the same into effect.—

The Chairman reported, that Messrs. Parkman & Pope had completed their side walk on Purchase street, agreeably to the notice sent them.

[**43.**] The Chairman informed that he had received from Messrs. McClennen & Marsh a list of the names of twelve gentlemen, to any three of whom they were willing to submit their demand for taking down the walls of the late Exchange Coffee House. The Board selected the following — Asher Benjamin, Nathaniel Curtis & William Sturgiss, and instructed the Chairman to informe those gentlemen & request they would serve as referees on this occasion.

The Committee appointed to examine into the towns claim to a lot of land near Prince street, made the following report.—

The Committee to whom was refer'd an examination of the town's claim to a lot of land beginning at the cross gutter (so called) in Prince street, and bounded northwesterly by a street or lane running from said Prince street to the late Mill Pond from thence running southeasterly till it meets the land owned by Jacob Hall, thence running northerly by said Hall's land till it meets said Prince street. Report —

That they find said lot of land occupied by Thomas Badger, who hired said lot of Elijah Nickerson.—

It appears that the Town of Boston bought part of the premises of Bethiah & Abigail Jones & Rebecca Badger, as will appear by [**44.**] their deed recorded 1 January, 1755, that said property continued in possession of the town till the 25 August, 1788 — or after — at that period, a lease of said lot was made by the Selectmen to Jonas Welsh for twenty years, or less; at a rate of one shilling per annum, on condition that said Welsh should make a stone head and build a drain from said Prince street to the Mill Pond.

We find that said Welsh executed his part of the contract as far as it regarded the head and drain; without signing the lease; but we have not any evidence of his having paid the rent.—

In 1788 there was a creek belonging to the town that made up from the Mill pond to said cross gutter in Prince street, which said Welsh or others filled up and now constitutes part of the lot.—

On the 15th November, 1796, Jonas Welsh, sold his estate on the westerly side of said street leading to the Mill pond, to Payson & Holbrook & leased to them during pleasure the aforesaid lot on the easterly side for an yearly rent of fifty cents.

On the 10th November, 1797, Payson & Holbrook sold to Elijah Nickerson the lot they bought of Welsh —

On the 11th July, 1810, a committee of Selectmen were appointed for the purpose of removing said drain from said lot.—

On mature reflection your committee would recommend taking immediate [**45.**] possession of the said premises as the town's property.

Boston, Nov. 19, 1818

Joseph Austin
En. Silsby

Report accepted and the Chairman instructed to consult P. O. Thacher Esq. respecting the legal mode of obtaining possession of the same.—

On the application of Mr. John Wells representation was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate — that Rebecca G. Thomas was a person of intemperate habits, wasting her property and at times non compos mentis — and requesting that a guardian may be appointed for her.—

Mr. Jonathan Wild Jun'r was approbated as an auctioneer — his place of business No 19 Merchants Row.—

The award of the referees in the case of the Town of Boston versus the Roxbury Canal Corporation, respecting the marsh land adjoining the Bull pasture on the neck was received,—By which the Town's right to said land is confirmed. — Mr. Lovering was requested to have some posts drove down at the places mentioned in the award, which should serve as permanent land marks.—

The Chairman received from Mr. Joseph Ripley the account of sales of the remaining cable & cordage used in taking down the walls of the late Exchange Coffee House, the proceeds of which amounting to eighteen dollars sixty cents, he had directed to be paid to the Treasurer.—

[**46.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 2d. 1818 — Present Messr. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.—

Passed the monthly and quarterly accounts.

The committee appointed to view the foot walks in Nassau street made the following report viz. The committee appointed to view Nassau street report that all the east side as far as the street is paved, should without delay have the side walk paved with brick or stone — and from the corner of Elliot street to the north corner of the house occupied by Mr. Dow be also

paved with brick or flat stones, and the land from Mr. Dow's to Boylston Street in front of land belonging to William Foster be allowed to be well planked to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, subject to be paved with stone when they shall think proper.—

J. Hunewell
Nov. 27, 1818 — Joseph Lovering

The report was accepted — And the chairman informed he had given Mr. Foster the necessary information.—

[**47.**] The committee appointed to carry into effect the report and recommendation of B. Whitman Esq. respecting the town's rights in the Town Dock reported — that they had, had a meeting on the subject, and had employed Mr. Whitman as counsel who had furnished them with the copy of a notice to be sent to all the owners and occupants of estates adjoining on said Dock, a part of which had been completed and sent, the remainder would be completed and sent soon as possible.—

The Chairman produced the award of the gentlemen to whom was referred the accounts of Wm. McClennen & others for taking down part of the walls of the late Exchange Coffee House which was as follows.

The referees in the case between the Town of Boston & Wm. McClennen & others are of opinion the following deductions should be made from their bills — viz.

from the charge for " use of purchase blocks . .	$4—
do. for McLellen Jr. services . .	20
do. for Mr. Marsh's services . . .	10—
	$34—

they think the charge for Wm. McClennan senior's services is a reasonable one, and see no objection to the other items, it being understood that if the lost blocks are recovered they belong to the town.—

signed Nathl. Curtis
Boston, Nov. 27th, 1818 Asher Benjamin
William Sturgis

accepted & the award put among the accounts for November.—

[**48.**] The Chairman reported that agreeable to the instructions of the board he had consulted P. O. Thacher Esq. respecting the lot of land near Prince street, who had recommended that he (the Chairman) should be authorized by the board to take possession of, and lease the same.—

The Chairman then proposed the following vote.—

Voted, that the Chairman be requested to take possession of a lot of land belonging to the Town of Boston, beginning at the cross gutter (so called) in Prince street, and bounded north-

westerly by a street or lane running from said Prince street to the late Mill pond, from thence running southeasterly 'till it meets the land owned by Jacob Hall, thence running northeasterly by said Hall's land until it meets Prince street.— And that he be authorized to lease the same for a time not exceeding five years, the lessee to deliver up the premises whenever it may be wanted by the town.—which was passed by the board.—

Mr. Lovering, who was requested at the last meeting of the Board, to have some permanent land marks placed on the marsh land on Boston Neck, which for some years past had been claimed by the proprietors of the Roxbury Canal.— Reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, had been on the ground where he had found a fence, and upon consideration, had thought it most expedient (as the expense would not be much enhanced thereby) to have the fence placed the whole length of the ground as described in the award of [**49.**] the referees. — Report accepted. — The award of the referees sent to the Register of Deeds to be recorded.

The committee of Section No. 3 were requested to view a piece of land on Atkinson street belonging to the inhabitants of the town, and were authorized to lease the same if they should judge proper, & report.

The application of Moses Caruth to be licensed as an auctioneer was not granted.—

The application of Daniel Wyman to be appointed one of the constables of the town of Boston, was not granted; the Board being of opinion there was a sufficient number already appointed.

A letter from P. O. Thacher Esq. was read by the Chairman, of which the following is a copy.—

Boston, Decr. 1, 1818.

Gentlemen

In compliance with your order, I appeared before the Court of Sessions upon the 17th November, and filed a plea & answer to the petition of Joseph Hollis, who complained that the Board had unreasonably refused and neglected to grant to him a license as an auctioneer. I denied that the Board had unreasonably refused to [grant] him a license & assigned that he did not shew to the Board that he was a suitable person to be licensed & further that the Board had reason to believe that he was not considered as a man of a good moral [**50.**] character, and that he had behaved in a very disorderly manner in several instances. — I had collected the necessary evidence as to his character and conduct & was ready to have gone into the investigation .— But being desirous to prevent similar com-

plaints I urged to the Court that it would be highly improper to call on the Selectmen to justify their proceedings, until the petitioner had first proved that there had been an unreasonable refusal and neglect on their part. — The case was continued over to this day to give him an opportunity to support his complaint. On his appearance this day, and upon full argument, the Court persisted in their opinion that to entitle himself to be licensed by them *he must first prove* his complaint *against the Selectmen.* he was unable to do this. and was permitted by the Court to withdraw his complaint. —

Yr. Obt. Ser.

The Gentlemen Selectmen of the Town of Boston } Peter O. Thacher.

On the application of Docr. Webster; representation was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate that Mary Trefrey, Widow, does by excessive drinking & idleness, so spend & waste her estate as thereby to expose herself to want & suffering circumstances; and praying that a guardian may be appointed for her.—

[**51.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 9th, 1818 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.

6 Jurors were drawn for U. S. Circuit Court.

The Chairman made the following report.—

The Chairman appointed and authorized by a vote of the Board at their last meeting, to take possession of a lot of land on Prince street, belonging to the inhabitants of the town of Boston, and to lease the same; has attended that duty and reports.

That on the fourth instant accompanied by Mr. Lovering of the board and the Superintendent of Police and his Deputy he had proceeded to the lot above mentioned, and exercised (in behalf of said inhabitants) a right of ownership by taking down a part of the fence; that he then entered upon the land and in presence and hearing of said Superintendent & Deputy made the following declaration. "That by the authority of the Selectmen of the town, and in their behalf, I now take possession of this lot of land as now fenced in, as belonging to the inhabitants of the town of Boston"— and that he immediately afterwards leased the same to Colo. Thomas Badger for a term of time not exceeding five years, at six dollars a year, [**52.**] the lessee to deliver up the land at any time previous to the expiration of the lease if it should be wanted by said inhabitants; and if the lessee should erect any building on the

land he is at liberty to remove the same; all which is submitted for the approbation of the board, by

Turner Phillips, Chairman.

Boston Decr. 5, 1818.—
Report accepted.—

The Chairman reported, that accompanied by Mr. Lovering they had viewed the Town's Slip running from Lynn street to the sea, on which they had found certain nuisances and incumbrances — whereupon it was voted,

That Messrs. Oliver, Austin & Silsby be a committee to examine into the state of the Town's Slip on Lynn street in the direction of Fosters lane to the sea, and if they find any incumbrances or nuisances in or upon the same, that they be authorized to notify the owners and occupants to remove them, allowing them such time for this purpose as they may think proper; and in case of neglect or refusal, that they have full powers to apply to the proper and legal tribunals to cause said nuisances and incumbrances to be removed, and the rights of the Town and public vindicated.

The application of William Doll in behalf of the proprietors of Franklin [**53.**] Hall so called, being the upper story of the school house on Nassau street, that previous to the halls' being delivered to the Selectmen or School Committee they may be remunerated for the expense they were at in erecting said story, & also for one hundred dollars paid by them in part for the land on which the school house stands — was committed to the Chairman, Mr. Oliver & Mr. Hunewell.

Mr. William Taylor employed to survey the estate belonging to the heirs of Lendall Pitts deceased, situated at the bottom of Butlers Row, gave notice thereof to the Chairman, that the Selectmen (if they saw fit) might appoint one of the Board to attend with P. O. Thacher Esq. the town's counsel. — The Board requested Mr. Dorr to attend on this business tomorrow at 3. o'clock P. M.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 16th, 1818.—

Present the Whole Board.

46 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.

The committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Town's Slip leading from Lynn street to the sea, informed they were not ready to report.

[**54.**] The committee appointed to confer with the committee of the proprietors of the upper story of the South Reading School made the following report.

The committee chosen to confer with a committee of the *temporary* proprietors of the upper story of the South Reading School house, called Franklin Hall, and report, if any, what, remuneration they were entitled to for the expense of erecting that story; have attended the duty assigned them and report. That they have examined the records of the Town, of the Selectmen, and the School Committee; and the documents produced by the committee on the part of the proprietors: — from all which it clearly appears that they had permission to erect this story on the express conditions, "that it was to be done without any expense to the Town, and that the Selectmen, or School Committee (in behalf of the town) had a right at any subsequent time to take possession of the same for the use of the Town." — The committee would further observe, that the proprietors have had the exclusive use and control of the room for nearly twenty nine years, which at about thirty five dollars a year amounts to the sum expended, and must be considered a moderate rent for such accommodation. — But that they may not have the least cause of complaint your committee recommend that they have the use of the room [**55.**] one evening in a week (until the further order of the Selectmen) for the singers of the society worshipping in Hollis street, they to make good any damage that may be caused by using the same.

Your committee have not included in the estimate one hundred dollars, paid by certain citizens in part for the land on which the building stands, as it evidently appears this sum was gratuitously paid by them in consideration of the schools being located at that particular place.—

All which is submitted by

Turner Phillips
Eber Oliver } Committee.
Jona. Hunewell

Decr. 14, 1818.—

The foregoing report was read, when after considerable debate on the subject, it was moved & voted, that the further consideration of this subject, be referred to the next meeting of the Board.

The committee of the Common reported that they had just received from Mr Taylor an accurate plan of the rope walks and the platforms attached to them, as very recently surveyed by him from which it appears, that taken at a right angle from Charles street. — Messrs.—

Davis & Lewis had encroached — 266 feet — No 1.
Henry Chapman " 220 " — No 2.

P. B. Rogers (occupied by Ed. Adams) 154 feet — No 4.
Joseph N. Howe " 97 " — No 6.

[**56.**] But by the original grant of the Town they have a right to extend their rope walks in a parallel line with Beacon street; if the line be thus drawn it will reduce the encroachments as follows viz

Davis & Lewis less	5 ft. 2 inches	leaving	260 ft. 10 in.
H Chapman	10 ft. 5 "		209 " 7 "
P. B. Rogers	20 " 9 "		133 " 3 "
J. N. Howe	31 " 4 "		65 " 8 "

and that they should proceed with all possible dispatch in notifying the owners or occupants of the rope walks of their encroachments.—

The committee appointed to remove an incumbrance on Brighton street reported, that they had attended the duty assigned them, and offered the following obligation signed by Mr. Andrew Townsend, as their doings on that subject.—

Boston, Decr. 14, 1818.

Having been notified by one of the Selectmen to remove an incumbrance on Brighton street, commencing thirty nine feet from a brick house, situated on Leverett street, and owned by Mr. Ezra Hyde — and having been marked by Mr. Wm. Taylor a surveyor — on a small building that I built on said street. — I do hereby promise by these presents, to remove said small building so far as it incumbers said Brighton street on or by the first day of May next.

signed Andrew Townsend.

Report accepted.

[**57.**] Mr. Dorr reported, that agreeably to the request of the Board he attended with P. O. Thacher Esq to the surveying of the estate belonging to the heirs of Lendall Pitts deceased at the bottom of Butlers Row.—

The Chairman was authorized to subscribe (for the Town) for one of Col. Trumbull's prints of the Declaration of Independence.—

Thomas Lile Rayner, having no parent or guardian, was at his own request apprenticed to Thos. Bruce, slater, until the 2d February, 1824 — when he will become of age.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 23d, 1818 — Present the whole Board except Mr. Farnam.—

6 Jurors were drawn for S. J. Court.—

The committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Town's Slip from Lynn street, requested further time to make their report on that subject. — granted.—

The consideration of the report of the committee appointed to confer with the temporary proprietors of the upper story of the South reading school was again referred to the next meeting of the board.—

The Chairman reported that he had subscribed for one of Col. Trumbull's prints of the Declaration of Independence for the Town.

[**58.**] Complaint having been made by Capt. John Fillebrown, that the driver of hackney carriage No. 22 belonging to Mr. George Harris, had extorted from Mr. Andrews on the 17th instant an illegal fare. The parties having been notified to attend at this time, appeared and were heard;— the Board were of opinion that the charge was substantiated, but in consideration of some circumstances mentioned by the driver, the board voted, to suspend his license for one week only.

The committee appointed the 2d instant to view a piece of land on Atkinson street belonging to the town, with power to lease the same reported, that they had attended that service, had viewed the premises, and found on enquiry it had been fenced by Mr. William Pratt; that they had applied to Mr. Pratt on the subject, who disclaimed any right to the premises, acknowledged that he had fenced it, but if the board thought the street would appear better by having the fence down, he was ready at any moment to have it taken down, he declined taking a lease of it or signing any paper respecting it.

The Board having heard that several attempts had been made to set fire to buildings, they went into consideration of what would be the most advisable means of preventing this wicked act in future, they were of opinion from past experience that offering a reward in the public papers would serve to create an unnecessary alarm in the minds of the [**59.**] citizens without attaining the object intended (the detection of the incendiary) and as complaints have been made that the watchmen were not faithful in the discharge of their duty, to ascertain if this was a fact, and to excite them to a more diligent discharge thereof — it was voted, that the Board with the addition of police officers be divided into five committees, whose duty it shall be to visit the several watch houses at least once a week between the hours of eleven & twelve at night, and make a return to the Board of the state in which they were found.

The Committee on Accounts for this month were directed to pass into the monthly draft, Mr. Tukesbury's order in favour of Ebenezer Smith for forty dollars — they were also directed to put into the draft Jedediah Herrick's order on the Chairman

in favor of P. O. Thacher Esq. for thirty dollars, for State taxes on the township of land in the District of Maine belonging to this Town.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 30th, 1818. Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Farnam.—

Passed the monthly accounts.

The committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Town's Slip from Lynn street requested further time to report thereon.

[**60.**] The consideration of the report of the committee respecting the upper story of the South reading school, was again postponed.—

The Committee of the Common, who were directed to ascertain what encroachments, the proprietors of the rope walks at the bottom of the Common had made on the Town's flats, made the following report, (in addition to the reports made by them on the 18th November & 16th instant.) That they had notified the owners of the rope walks to meet them at the Selectmen's Room, that Messrs. Lewis & Chapman (only) attended, to whom the committee have agreed to lease the flats occupied by them on the terms agreed on by the Board, viz. ten cents pr. annum per running foot; for one year or during the pleasure of the Selectmen for the time being; and that the leases will be executed soon as possible.—

Your committee have also considered the subject of back rent, they find on enquiry Mr. J. P. Davis paid two years rent amounting to fifty dollars; after which it does not appear Mr. Davis was ever called upon: It is manifest that at this time other persons besides Mr. Davis had made encroachments on the town's flats, — from whom no rent has ever been demanded; — and altho' Mr. Davis may legally be compelled to pay a part of the rent that now appears to be due, your committee are of the opinion it would not be the wish of the Board to deviate from their usual impartial conduct by compelling one to pay and not the others. — [**61.**] Report accepted. — and the Chairman empowered to execute the leases. —

The application of Abraham Babcock and others, a committee from a number of citizens who have associated for the purpose of forming a nightly patrol (to be continued for two months) about that section of the town, lying north of State street, east of Merchants Row, & Union street to the Mill Pond land, and south of Procters lane & Richmond street to the Mill Pond land, including all the wharves from D. Spears wharf to

one east of Procters Lane. — Also, another application from Samuel Hichborn Junr. and others, committee of the citizens of Ward No. 2. — who have also associated for the purpose of forming a nightly patrol for said ward, were read; — Whereupon it was voted — that the captain & constables of the Town Watch be directed to give the patrols all the assistance in their power, and to receive and secure any person, or persons, that may be brought to them by the patrols, for breaking into houses or stores; — or attempting to set fire to any building. — And that the said patrols be allowed six feet of wood, and as many watchmens hooks as may be necessary.

Return was received from the Superintendent of Police of fines received from Nov. 14. to Decr. 19, 1818 — and paid to the Town Treasurer amounting to $13 —

The application of David Alby to be licensed as an auctioneer, was laid over for enquiry. —

The committee appointed to visit the [**62.**] watch — Reported, that on Saturday night the 26th. instant they visited the south watch at half past 11. o'clock P. M. and found seven men in the watch house, and Mr. Champney and three others out — they then proceeded to the center watch commanded by Capt. Phillips and found said watch on duty, Afterwards they went to the north watch under the direction of Capt. Gardner, and found them correct. —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 6th, 1819.
Present the whole Board. —

The committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Town's Slip from Lynn street, requested further time to report thereon. —

The Board now went into the consideration of the report of the committee respecting the upper story of the South Reading school. —

It appeared by the accounts produced by the committee of the proprietors that the expense of erecting that story (exclusive of the payment made by them for one third of the original cost of the land on which the building stands) exceeded one thousand dollars, in addition to which they had been at the charge of keeping it in repair to the present day; — And although as the committee of the Board report, the proprietors, or the society worshipping in Hollis street to whom the Proprietors have relinquished [**63.**] their right, have no legal demand on the Town; yet the Board taking into consideration that the Town by taking possession of the whole building will be benefited to the amount of one thousand dollars, also that the society in consequence of the town's taking possession of the hall are

obliged to erect a building for a singing school which is estimated to cost them five hundred dollars, and that in equity some remuneration ought to be made. voted; that there be paid to the society worshipping in Hollis street, two hundred & fifty dollars in full of all demands which they, or any person or persons may now have against the Town for money paid in part for the land on which the school house stands and for the expense of erecting the upper story of said school house.—

The Board not being satisfied that David Alby was a suitable person to be licensed as an auctioneer, his application was again laid over for further enquiry.—

The Chairman as Treasurer of the fund of Mrs. Brooker & others produced the account of interest received by him amounting to two hundred & twenty three dollars, fifty six cents, which was paid in equal portions to the members of the Board, to be by them distributed agreeably to the wills of the donors.

The committee consisting of Messrs Lovering & Bass appointed to visit the town watch, reported, that on Sunday evening the 3d instant they [**64.**] attended that duty; — that they visited the several watch houses about 12 o'clock found them all in good order, and a due proportion of the men out on duty.

A note received from James Prince Esq. Marshal of the District was read, of which the following is a copy.—

Office of the District Marshal, Massachusetts
Boston, Jany. 1, 1819.

Gentlemen

It will be my painful duty to carry into execution the sentence of death (and within the Town of Boston) awarded against four convicts under the authority of the United States on the 21st of the present month: In the discharge of this unpleasing task, it is my desire that the selection of the place might not prove offensive to any portion of our fellow townsmen; but the peculiar circumstances which attend their crime, has rendered it somewhat necessary that a new place should be fixed on; The commercial part of the Town have so suggested: To avoid offence & to conduct with a due regard to all, I take occasion to propose to your Honorable Board, that you would unite with me in the selection of a spot which under all the views of the case may be adjudged the most proper, and for this purpose that a committee might be appointed to confer together — this course was pursued by your body on a former occasion; and was productive of the most happy result by an entire acquiesence on the part of our townsmen.

[**65.**] The above note was taken under consideration by the Board, during which a memorial signed by 66 citizens residing or owning estates at the north part of the town was received and read, stating they had been informed the convicts under sentence of death were to be executed on or near Copps hill, and remonstrating against it. The Board after giving the subject the consideration that its importance demanded, were of opinion, that it was the duty of the Marshal to carry the sentence of the law into execution, and as the responsibility belonged to him and not to the Selectmen, they were compelled to decline appointing a committee to confer with the Marshal on that subject, and that the Chairman be directed to inform him of the same.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 11th, 1818. Present Messr. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby, & Farnam.

6 Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.

[**66.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 13th, 1819 — Present Messrs Phillips, Oliver, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Farnam.

The committee appointed to examine into the state of the Town's Slip on Lynn street in the direction of Foster's Lane to the sea, reported, that they had attended that service and found certain nuisances and incumbrances thereon; that they had completed the notices to Messrs. John Brazer, Amos Binney, Jona. Amory, Jur. & Henry Fowle, who now appeared to be the owners, occupiers, or receiving the rent for the estate formerly owned by Mr. Asa Holbrook, allowing them forty days to remove the incumbrances, which notices would be sent on the morrow.

The Chairman reported, that in obedience to the orders of the Board he had addressed a note to James Prince Esq. Marshal of [the] District, of which the following is a copy.

Selectmens Room — Boston, Jany. 7th, 1819.

Sir

Your note of the 1st instant, has received all that attention from the Selectmen that the importance of the subject on which it treats, and the source from which it was received demands — I am instructed by them to inform you that with [**67.**] a view to relieve you in the discharge of so painful a duty the Board have endeavoured to select such a place within the limits of the Town for the execution of the four convicts under sentence of death as would under all circumstances be adjudged the most proper. But wherever they turn their eyes

to obtain this object, such insuperable objections are found to arise, and have been, or will be made by the inhabitants, that they find it will be impossible to make the selection without giving offence to a portion of their fellow citizens — And as the responsibility does not belong to the Selectmen, they are compell'd to decline the appointment of a committee to confer with the Marshal on the subject. The Board have requested me to express their regret, that they should under any circumstances feel it to be required of them to decline compliance with the request of a gentleman for whom they entertain a high respect — But as it is made the duty of the Marshal to carry the sentence of the law into effect, they rest perfectly satisfied, that you will in your superior judgement select such a spot as will be most suitable for such a scene — They doubt not that the good feelings of their fellow citizens will acquiesce in your selection, and while they regret the necessity of the execution of the law, they will give full support to the Marshal in the performance of his duty — with sentiments of respect I have the honor to be.

Sir

{ James Prince Esq. Your Obt. Servt.
{ Marshal Mass. District

[68.] The Chairman informed that he had received from P. O. Thacher Esq. the Town's counsel the following attested copy of the petition and record of the acceptance of the commissioner's report on Saturday last, locating a burial ground at South Boston, which is as follows — viz.

To the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court begun and holden at Boston in the county of Suffolk & for the counties of Suffolk and Nantucket, on the fourth Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventeen.—

Respectfully show Turner Phillips, Charles Bulfinch, Ebenezer Oliver, Jonathan Hunewell, Joseph Lovering, Joseph Austin, Enoch Silsby, Henry Bass & Samuel Dorr Esquires and Selectmen of the Town of Boston in the county of Suffolk aforesaid.

That in and by a certain Act of this Commonwealth entitled "an Act to sett off the North East part of the Town of Dorchester and to annex the same to the Town of Boston" made and passed on the 6th day of March A. D. 1804. it was among other things enacted that the proprietors of the tract of land which is described in the said Act, & which by force thereof was annexed to the Town of Boston, should assign & sett off & apart three lots of land on the same for public use viz. one lot for the purpose of a public market place, one lot for a school house, and one lot for a burial ground, to the satisfaction and acceptance of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston; and in case

the said [**69.**] Selectmen and proprietors should not agree upon the said lots, it should be lawful for the Supreme Judicial Court at any session thereof in the County of Suffolk, upon application of the said Selectmen, to nominate and appoint three disinterested freeholders within the Commonwealth, not being inhabitants of said town of Boston, to assign and set off the three lots aforesaid by metes and bounds: And the said Selectmen inform your Honours, that the public necessity requires that the lot aforesaid for a burial ground should be immediately assigned and set apart, but that they have not been able to agree with the proprietors of the said tract of land respecting the assignment of the same, they therefore pray your Honours to nominate and appoint three suitable persons to assign and set off the lot of land for a burial ground upon the tract aforesaid, by metes and bounds according to law, and to make due return of their doings in the premises according to the provisions of the Act aforesaid.

Turner Phillips, Charles Bulfinch, Ebenr. Oliver, Jona. Hunewell, Joseph Lovering — Joseph Austin, Enoch Silsby, Henry Bass, Samuel Dorr — Selectmen of the Town of Boston by Peter O. Thacher their Attorney.

The above petition was entered at the court aforesaid at November term 1817. — And on the 31 day of January 1818 after hearing of the parties and it appearing that notice has been given in pursuance of a former order of this court [**70.**] The Court now appoint Ebenezer Gay Esq of Hingham, Thomas Greenleaf Esq of Quincy & Genl. Isaac S. Gardner of Brookline commissioners as within prayed for, and they are to give notice to all persons in two newspapers at least, before they proceed to perform the duty assigned them.

And now at November term 1818 to which term the said petition had been continued, the commissioners aforesaid make their report in writing in the words following.

We the subscribers named in the annexed order of Court & to whom the same has been recommitted, having notified the parties interested in the subject within committed to our decision, by an advertisement for that purpose in the Columbian Centinel, to meet at the Selectmen's room in said Boston on Monday the twenty third day of November instant at 10. o'clock A. M. and having then & there met & heard the Selectmen & Board of Health of said Town of Boston — Joseph Woodward Esq. Abraham Gould & Adam Bent as a committee from the inhabitants of South Boston. William Tudor Junr. Esq. in behalf of the Honorable William Tudor, Samuel D. Parker Esq for himself, & William P. Mason Esq. in behalf of the Honble. Jonathan Mason and having also again viewed the several lots of ground pointed out to us by the parties for

the purpose of a burial ground. — Do hereby sett off and [**71.**] assign for public use as a burial ground the following described lot or parcel of land lying in South Boston aforesaid viz. Beginning at the westerly corner of Seventh Street on Dorchester street & running on said Dorchester street to the boundary line between South Boston & Dorchester three hundred feet, thence turning & running two hundred & sixty feet with said line to the north westerly side of F. thence turning & running northeasterly two hundred & sixty feet, on the westerly side of F. street to Seventh street. Thence turning & running with said Seventh street to Dorchester street aforesaid three hundred & fifty feet to the point first started from, including that portion of F. street which falls within said bounds, and containing in the whole about eighty five thousand four hundred feet.—

Witness our hands this twenty fourth day of November Anno Domini, Eighteen hundred and Eighteen

Eben Gay
Thomas Greenleaf
Isaac S. Gardner

Suffolk & Nantucket ss.

Sup. Jud. Court sitting at Boston in the County of Suffolk & for the Counties of Suffolk & Nantucket for November term A. D. 1818.—

The foregoing report was delivered into court on the thirteenth day of the term. And afterwards viz. on the thirty sixth day of [**72.**] the same term, proclamation was made for all persons to appear & shew cause if any they had, why the same should not be accepted, and no one appearing to object thereto, it was thereupon accepted & approved by the court, & ordered to be duly entered of record.

Attest Wm. Tudor Clerk.

I certify that the copies contained in the foregoing three pages are true copies of record of the case therein stated.

attest Wm. Tudor Clk.

Office of the Supreme Jud. Court.
January 13th, 1819.

The above was sent to [the] Register of Deeds to be recorded.

The committee consisting of Mess Hunewell & Dorr appointed to visit the town watch, reported, that on Tuesday night the 12th instant they attended that duty, and that they found the south watch as they should be. The central & north watches, had an extra number in the house, of course less on duty.

The application of David Alby to be licensed as an auctioneer was committed to Mr. Dorr for the purpose of making further enquiry, the Board not being yet satisfied that he was a suitable person to be licensed.—

[**73.**] The application of Stillman Willis to be licensed as an auctioneer was committed to Mr. Farnam to make enquiry & report thereon.—

Messrs. John M. Holbrook, Darius Holbrook & Charles Dexter, under the firm of Holbrook, Dexter & Co. were licensed as auctioneers.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 18th, 1819. — Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.

9 Jurors were drawn for Supreme Judicial Court.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 20th, 1819. — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.—

Mr. Dorr, to whom the application of David Alby to be licensed as an auctioneer was committed, reported that the request be granted, on condition, that his place of business (which is not mentioned in the application) is approved by the Chairman — report accepted.—

Mr. Farnam, to whom was referred the application of Stillman Willis to be licensed as an auctioneer, reported, that the request be granted; his place of business No. 17 Exchange street — report accepted.—

[**74.**] Return was made by Mr. Lovering (in behalf of Mr. Hunewell) that he had examined the accounts of the Hay weigher for the quarter ending the first instant, the whole amount of the proceeds was $358.7 and the balance due the Town was $115.7 which the Treasurer has been ordered to receive.

The application of a number of citizens who have associated for the purpose of forming a nightly patrol, (to be continued for two months) about that section of the town consisting of West, Winter, School, Marlborough & Common streets & Bromfields lane was approved by the Board, and it was voted, that the constables of the town watch be directed to give the patrol all the assistance they may need, and to receive and secure any person, or persons that may be brought to them by the patrol, for breaking into houses or stores, or attempting to set fire to

any building. — And that the patrol be furnished with two watchmen's hooks.—

The Chairman reported that on Sunday morning the 17th instant, accompanied by the deputy police officer he visited the watch as follows.—

The south watch at a quarter past one o'clock, at which time they had just relieved a part of the watch who had been out on patrol, a part of the relief had just left the watch house at the time he arrived, the remainder had not come in. — he was informed [**75.**] the usual time of relieving the watch was 1 o'clock.—

At half after one he visited the center watch, at which time a part of this watch had also been relieved — at both these houses there was only the proper complement of men in, but the constables of these watches Mr. Spear & Mr. Ames were both asleep.

That he then visited the patrol of Ward No. 3 who were all out but one.—

At two o'clock he visited the north watch, at which time they had just relieved the watch and two of the men on duty were leaving the watch house at the time he arrived there. — The constable of this watch Mr. Gardner was awake. — The time of relieving at the center & north watch houses is two o'clock. —

The center watch had given shelter to a man, the north to an abandoned female of about twenty years old.—

The Chairman informed that he had been thus particular in order to offer for the consideration of the Board some additional rules & orders for the government of the watch, which he then read. — The consideration of them was referred.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 27th, 1819. Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Farnam.

Passed the monthly accounts.—

[**76.**] The Board agreeably to assignment took up the additional rules and orders for the government of the captain & constables of the town watch, which were offered at the last meeting of the Board for their consideration, and voted, the following additional rules and orders for the government of the town watch.—

1st. The watch to be set as at present, but not to be dismissed at any time until it is distinctly day light, and in the months of May, June & July not before 4 o'clock A. M.—

2d. That it be an indispensable part of the duty of the constable of the watch to be awake at the time the patroling party come in, and attend to the changing of the watch.—

3d. That it be part of the duty of the watchman who keeps the door of the watch house to wake the constable of the watch, and the men who are to go on duty, at least five minutes before the men who are out on duty come in to be relieved, in order that the constable may ascertain that they have all come in, and that an equal number go out, & that there be no loss of time in changing the watch.

4th. That it be the duty of the constables of the watch to call the roll of their respective watches when the watch is set, and when they are dismissed in the morning.—

5th. It is enjoined on the captain & constables [**77.**] of the watch to be very particular as to the character and habits of persons who are offered as substitutes, and that they be satisfied that the watchman is prevented from attending by sickness or some other unavoidable cause, before they receive a substitute; and they are strictly prohibited from receiving so many as to compel them to send two on patrol together.

6th. It shall be the *duty* of the watchmen to deliver to the constable of the watch any goods or merchandize they may find in the streets, or that they may take from any person or persons they may suspect of having unlawfully got possession of them; and the constable of the watch is to report the same to the captain of the watch the next morning, who is directed to make immediate report thereof to the Chairman of this Board.—

7th. That whoever is absent at roll call when the watch is set, or when they are dismissed in the morning, or disobeys any of these rules & orders shall forfeit his night's pay. — Excepting, that one half of the north & south watchmen may be excused from attending the first roll call, provided they are at their respective watch houses at the time of setting the watch.—

The Chairman laid before the Board the resignation of the society of Engine No 12 — whereupon it was voted that their resignation be accepted, & that Messrs. Bass, Dorr & Farnam be a committee to meet with the wards attached to that engine and consult with them on the best measures to be adopted to obtain a new company for that engine.—

[**78.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 3d, 1819. — Present, the whole Board, except Mr. Bass.

Application having been made by Mr. Daniel Lillie to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, stating that Sarah Lillie of Boston, single woman is a person non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of herself. The Board agreeably to the direction of the Hon Judge of Probate took inquisition thereof & were of opinion that the said Sarah Lillie was non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of herself and recommended that a guardian should be appointed for her.

Mr. Farnam reported that on the night of the 2d instant accompanied by the Superintendent of Police he visited the town watch as follows.—

At 10 minutes past one o'clock the south watch, found all the watchmen in the house and the constable (Mr. Champney) asleep.—

At 25 minutes past one the center watch, and was informed there were six men out on patrol & the man at the door. The constable of the watch (Mr. Phillips) asleep — they had given shelter to a man who had been found in the street intoxicated.

At 50 minutes past one, north watch, was [**79.**] informed there were six men out on patrol and the man at the door, the constable (Mr. Gardner) asleep — a man at the door of the watch house (who was intoxicated) requesting permission to be admitted, which was granted on condition he could not get into his lodgings.—

The application of David Alby to be licensed as an auctioneer was granted. Mr. Alby. stating that it was not his intention to keep any office for the sale of goods, but to sell on the wharves and at large.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 10th, 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Farnam.

The Chairman laid before the Board the following application — viz.—

To the Selectmen of the Town of Boston.—

Gentlemen,

It must have come within your knowledge that a disagreement took place at the fire near the Rev. Dr. Baldwin's meeting house, between one of the fire wards of the town and a member of the society of engine No. 12.— A prosecution ensued against said member, the result of which was his acquittal; but in the defence of this action an expense occurred amounting to twenty dollars which expense has been paid out of the funds of this society.—

[**80.**] The subscribers have been chosen a committee from the Associated Societies of Engine men, to apply to your Board, and to request that the above mentioned sum of twenty dollars may be paid by the town, which they are informed has been done in similar cases.

They would also inform you, that they have been requested by the Associated Engine Societies of Boston to request you would reinstate the late Society of Engine No. 12 — in the care of that engine again.

Yours Respectfully, John Wheeler, Chairman.

The Board took the same under consideration — and voted, that the sum of twenty dollars be put into the next draft payable to any person or persons duly authorized by the late Society of Engine No. 12. to receive the same, that sum having been taken from their funds to defray an expense accruing in the defence of one of their members against a prosecution brought against him, of which charge he was acquitted.

Voted, That the Chairman, Messrs Lovering, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam be a committee to meet & confer with the committee of the Associated Engine Societies of Boston on the subject of their request "that the late society of Engine No. 12 might be reinstated in the care of that engine again" and that they have full powers to settle this business on such terms and conditions as they may think the good of the public demands.—

[**81.**] The Chairman was requested to apply to Wm. Tudor Esq. and inform him as the time is approaching when the inhabitants of the town must be repeatedly called together in Town Meetings, it is necessary the bust of the late President Adams should be removed from the place where it now stands (in the Moderator's seat) to such place as the committee who presented it, and the Chairman should think expedient.—

Voted, That it be recommended to the School Committee to fix on Friday the 26th February instant for the semi-annual examination of the town schools. That a dinner be provided as usual on that occasion, and that the Chairman — be a committee to make arrangements for the same.

Voted, That the Chairman request the police officers to visit the town watch once a fortnight at least, and that they make their visits alternately.

The Chairman was desired to inform the assessors that the law required of them to furnish lists of voters, both for town officers, and for governor & senators by the first day of March next.—

A communication was received from the Board of Health respecting a burial ground to be inserted in the warrant for March meeting.—

Mr. Thomas English was licensed as an auctioneer; his office in Exchange street.

[**82.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 17th, 1819 — Present, Messrs Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.

22 Grand & 35 traverse jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.—

The committee to meet & confer with a committee from the Associated Engine Societies made the following report.—

The committee appointed to meet & confer with a committee of the Associated Engine Societies, have attended that service and report that on Friday the 12th instant they met said committee consisting of Messrs. John H. Wheeler, Nathaniel Frothingham Junr., Joshua Vose, Jonathan Heath, John Salmon, Robert New & Joel Shipley at Concert Hall; that your committee first stated their objections as contained in the paper herewith, signed by Mr. Wheeler the chairman of their committee; they were then requested to make such observations on them as they should think proper, which they declined doing: they were then informed if they wished to confer by themselves, your committee would retire; they observed that they did not wish it, as they fully agreed with us.—The chairman of your committee then read the whole of the aforesaid paper, which he handed to them for their perusal; after they had examined it to their satisfaction, a motion was made that it was satisfactory; which being put [**83.**] by the chairman it passed unanimously in the affirmative.—

A motion was then made that their thanks should be presented to the Selectmen for granting their requests so promptly, this also passed unanimously. your committee then presented their thanks to them for their politeness, and invited them to stay & partake of some refreshments — this they declined, as the late Society of Engine No. 12 were then waiting to learn the result of this meeting; The committees after taking a glass wine, & being perfectly satisfied, separated.—A copy of the paper signed by the chairman of the committee of the Associated Societies was delivered to him, by the chairman of your committee with the following addition "The foregoing is a copy of what has been most cordially assented to by the committee of the Associated Engine Societies, and as cordially agreed to by the committee of the Selectmen."

The foregoing proceedings are offered for the consideration & acceptance of the board.—

By order of the committee,

Turner Phillips, Chairman.

The foregoing report was read, and accepted.—

The following is a copy of the paper referred to in the above report.—

The undersigned, having been chosen a committee from the Associated Engine Societies of Boston to apply to the Selectmen for the remuneration of twenty dollars taken from the funds of the Society of Engine No. 12 [**84.**] to pay an expense that accrued in defending one of their members against a prosecution whereon he was acquitted, which request the Selectmen have very readily granted — they were also requested to apply to the Selectmen to reinstate the late Society of Engine No. 12. in the care of that engine again;—on this subject the Committee of the Selectmen demurred, stating that in their opinion the late society had hastily resigned, thereby in the event of a fire endangering the safety not only of their own property but that of their fellow citizens also, which the unpleasant disagreement between them and the Firewards (however right they might think themselves) could not justify; and which disagreement would not have happened had they applied for remuneration to the right source at first.— That the members of that society by their resignation had forfeited their right to the interposition of the Associated Societies, in as much as they had taken this step without previously consulting their associates; they also contended that the application for their reinstatement ought to have been made by the individuals who composed that society;— but to convince them and us that a spirit of amity, governed their board, they had through the interposition of the Associated Societies (by their committee), consented to reinstate them in the care of their engine again.— Therefore in justice to the Board of [**85.**] Selectmen we must say they have done all that would be required of them & equity compels us to say, in our opinion the late Society of Engine No. 12 were hasty in resigning the engine in the manner they did.— The foregoing is most cordially assented to by the committee of the Associated Engine Societies of Boston

(Signed) John H. Wheeler Chairman.

Boston, Feb. 12th, 1819.—

The Chairman reported, that agreeably to the orders of the Board he had applied to Wm. Tudor Esq. respecting the bust of the late President Adams, that Mr. Tudor informed him he would see Gen. Welles & attend to that subject.—

The Chairman also informed that he had requested the police officers to visit the town watch alternately once a week.

The Chairman laid before the Board the following application from Mr. Asa Lewis, Master of engine No. 12.

Boston Feb. 15, 1819 —

To the Hon'ble Board of Selectmen of Boston

Gentlemen,

After calling together the late Company of engine No 12 — to hear the report of the committee from the associated Masters which report was laid before them and was satisfactory to all the Company so far as related to the Hon. Board of Firewards and the promptitude of your Hon. Board in refunding at the request of the committee of the Associated Engine Societies the money expended in the suit against one of our members — so far [**87.**] they were all satisfied, but when the clause was read censuring them as being hasty in resigning the engine — the Company were disunited — But a small majority were willing to conciliate and receive the engine again — but several refuse to do duty under present circumstances.

I will state to your Hon. Board the motive which influenced our conduct in resigning the engine — if you should then think we were hasty it is an error of the head and not of the heart — We addressed a letter to the firewards stating our grievances — said letter you have a copy — we waited a reasonable time for an answer — no answer was received — had they come forward and disavowed the act as they have since & pointed out where we might have been indemnified all difficulty would have ceased — But their total silence added to our grievances & feeling as men conscious they had done their duty must feel — you cannot, we think, consider us hasty in our proceedings — should you ask why we did not first apply to the Board of Masters of Engines of Boston to seek redress for us — we answer we did not wish the schism which had arose between our Society & the firewards to spread through that peaceable association — knowing that we should have it cast in our teeth that we were not content with breaking up our Society but wish to spread discord in their Societies — Should you ask why we did not apply to your Hon. Board for redress — we answer we had received no injury from your Board and that we were not so immediately under your control — impressed with these ideas [**88.**] we were not contented—

I assure you gentlemen I will do the best in my power with my small company & endeavour to fill it up — could you by a letter to me soften down the objectionable part of your report — you may return back to duty some good men & leave out some I understand your Honors would wish — should you answer this — would thank you to direct to me & leave at Mess Thomas & Andrews' Book Store Newbury street on or before Wednesday at 5. o'clock P. M.

your hum'le serv't. A. Lewis.

The Board after giving this subject all that consideration that its importance required, voted, That the Chairman be directed to hand Mr. Lewis the following answer

Boston, 18th Feb. 1819

Sir

Your note of the 15th instant was yesterday laid before the Selectmen and I am instructed by them to inform you that, after receiving & accepting the report of their committee who had been appointed to meet & confer with a committee of the Associated Engine Societies of Boston, they were not a little surprised at the tenor of your note, as they concluded the late unpleasant occurrence had been adjusted by the committee of their Board & the very respectable committee of the Engine Societies above mentioned.

On the subject mentioned in your note I am instructed by the Board to say, that their duty (from which nothing will induce them to swerve) compels them to observe, that in their opinion the late Society of Engine No 12 did resign the care of that engine without [**88a.**] duly considering the subject & the consequences that might ensue; they however assure you they are satisfied the error proceeded as you observe, from the head and not from the heart.

Your humbl. Servt.

Turner Phillips
Chairman of Selectmen.

Mr. Asa Lewis.—

A communication from the Rev Charles Lowell was read, complaining that Mr. W. W. Clapp the publisher of a paper (the Boston Intelligencer) was guilty of a breach of the law of this Commonwealth for the due observance of the Lord's day by publishing said paper on Sunday calling on this Board to interpose their authority and put a stop to this evil at its commencement.

The Board having duly considered the same, instructed the Chairman to express to Mr. Lowell their regret that there was cause for such complaint, at the same time to inform him it was a subject that did not come under their cognizance.

The Treasurer of the Franklin Fund having informed the Chairman that a statement of the fund was ready for the inspection of the trustees, it was voted, that the Treasurer be directed to notify the trustees to meet at the Selectmen's Room on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P. M. — And that the Chairman Messrs. Austin & Lovering be a committee from this Board to meet with the other trustees for the purpose of examining said statement.

[**89.**] The Chairman (as Treasurer of the Fund bequeathed by the late Abiel Smith Esq) laid before the board a letter from George Bliss Esq. clerk to the Springfield Bridge Corporation in answer to a letter written him by the Chairman informing that the shares in that corporation bequeathed by Mr. Smith to the Selectmen of Boston were on the 23d. October 1816, sold at auction for the non payment of assessments; also a letter from the Hon. John Hooker treasurer of that corporation in answer to one written him by the Chairman, — forwarding an account of sales of those shares with an order on Edmund Dwight Esq. for the surplus remaining in his hands amounting to one hundred & eighty three dollars, payable to the Selectmen of Boston. — Whereupon it was voted, that the Chairman be authorized to receive from Edmund Dwight Esq. one hundred & eighty three dollars being the amount of an order drawn by Hon. John Hooker on said Dwight for the surplus remaining in his hands as treasurer of the Springfield Bridge, on the sale of five shares viz No. 66 to 70 inclusive lately standing in the name of Abiel Smith Esq. payable in current country money.

Voted, the following additional orders for the town watch.

In the event of a fire being discovered by the watch they will alarm the citizens as soon as possible; to effect this, one of the watch must be dispatched with all possible speed to ring the alarm bell; [**90.**] the others may be employed in assisting those who are in the most imminent danger, until a sufficient number of the citizens shall have assembled to render their services unnecessary they shall then proceed to perform their customary duty. — Should they be applied to for assistance to secure any house, store or shop that may be broken into, or to take charge of any goods stolen therefrom, or to assist in apprehending the thief or thieves, they are without delay to afford all the aid & assistance in their power.—

A communication from Henry Chapman & Co. Saml. Emmons & Son, John A. Shaw and Edward Adams, owners & tenants of ropewalks, remonstrating against Isaac P. Davis & Winslow Lewis for digging a well in front of their ropewalk, was read, and referred to Messrs. Hunewell & Lovering.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 24th 1819. — Present the whole Board except Mr. Bass.

Passed the quarterly & monthly accounts.

The warrant for March meeting was signed.—

Mr. Buckingham to print notifications.

Rev. Mr. Greenwood to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.—

[**91.**] Mr. Dorr was requested to wait on Mr. Greenwood.

The Chairman informed the Board that in consequence of the death of a child of the treasurer of the Franklin Fund, the meeting of the committee postponed on Tuesday next.—

The Chairman as treasurer of the donation of Abiel Smith Esq. deceased was directed to invest the money received by him for the net proceeds of the five shares in the Springfield Bridge, in the six per cent stock of the United States, and to purchase two hundred dollars of said stock the balance to be paid out of the funds of that donation in his hands.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from H. Chapman & Co & others — reported that they had attended the duty assigned them, and were of opinion that the land in question was the property of Messrs. Davis & Lewis, and that they had an undoubted right to sink a well there if they thought proper. — report accepted.—

The request of His Honor William Phillips & others, that the Board would discontinue the name of Adams Street and that they would add that street to Kilby street, which would extend the latter to Milk street; for reasons set forth in their request: was committed to Mr. Oliver to ascertain the wishes and opinion of persons owning estates on that street and also of those residing therein & report to the Board.—

[**92.**] A Communication from Mr. Moses Wallack was referred to Mr. Oliver to make the necessary inquiry and report.—

A request from the Society worshipping in Hollis street was made by Mr. Lovering, desiring the Board would allow them the use of the upper story of the South school house until the 14th April next. The Board after duly considering the subject were of opinion the request ought to be granted provided there was sufficient time from the 14th. April to the 1st. of May for the carpenters to complete the room by the latter time; and Mr. Lovering was requested to make the necessary inquiry & report

The Chairman laid before the Board the following note—

Court Square Feb. 23d. 1819.

Dr. Sir

I yesterday attended the Supreme Court at Dedham and am happy to inform you, that upon trial of the action Wm.

Pitts & others vs. the Town of Boston, the plaintiffs wholly failed in their suit, & became non suited — The Judge told them the action was wholly unsupported in law — Mr. Lovering attended the court as a witness with Mr. Taylor & Mr. Bumstead and rendered valuable aid in the defence.—

very respectfully yours
P. O. Thacher.

Turner Phillips Esq.

[**93.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 3d. 1819 — Present the whole Board, except Mr. Hunewell.

6 jurors were drawn for the United States District Court.—

The committee appointed the 17th. ultimo to examine the statement offered by the treasurer of the Franklin Fund made the following report.—

The committee appointed to examine the account of the treasurer of the Franklin Fund, have attended the duty assigned them & report, that it appears by the statement exhibited by the treasurer of the amount of receipts & loans since the settlement of his account the 12th Augt. last, but that he received sixteen hundred & fifty two dollars & 82 cents.— and loaned six hundred dollars — and that there is now a balance in his hands (exclusive of $1816.58 — deposited in the Mechanics & Manufacturers Bank) $1249.39. — The committee are of opinion that the instructions given the treasurer on the 21st November last have had a salutary effect, and with pleasure inform the Board the loss the fund will eventually sustain on the return made by the treasurer of delinquents on the 17th. Novr. last will be very small.

T. Phillips. Pr. order.

Voted, that the Treasurer of the Franklin Fund deposit in the M & M. Bank a sum in addition to the amount now in that bank sufficient to make up three thousand dollars, for which the directors have agreed to allow after the rate of [**94.**] five Per cent., Per annum, for whatever sum may remain in the bank, not less than four months.

Voted, that the chairman as treasurer of the fund of Abiel Smith Esq deceased be instructed to invest three hundred dollars of said fund now in his hands in the notes of the Suffolk Bank bearing interest of 5 Per cent.—

The chairman informed that in obedience to the orders of the Board he had purchased of Mr. Cochran two hundred dollars of

the 6 Per cent Stock of the United States on account of the donation of A. Smith Esq. decd.

The Committee to whom was referred a communication from Mr. Moses Wallack, reported, that the necessary inquiry had been made on the subject of that communication, and that it was the opinion of the committee it was not cognisable by the Selectmen. — report accepted.—

Mr. Lovering to whom was referred the request of the society worshipping in Hollis street, reported — that he found on enquiry the society might be accommodated, & the room completed for the school by the first day of May next.

Bernard Alexander (a French lad) having no parent or guardian, was at his own request apprenticed to Lawrence Nichols, confectioner, until the 1st. of September, 1823 — when he will become of age.—

[**95.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11th, 1819. Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Shaw.

This being the first meeting of the Board since the town meeting for choice of town officers, votes for Chairman were taken by ballot and Turner Phillips Esq was declared to be chosen.—

The oath of office was administered to Messrs. Oliver & Shaw by the Chairman.

The Chairman informed that in obedience to the orders of the Board he had (as treasurer of the fund of Abiel Smith Esq dec'd.) invested three hundred dollars in the notes of the Suffolk Bank bearing an interest of five per cent, payable in twelve months.

Messrs. Dorr, Silsby & Phillips were appointed a committee to revise the standing rules and orders of the Board & to report.—

The Chairman was desired to take measures to have an advertisement inserted in the papers, that the lists of voters were posted for inspection. — Centinel, Gazette, & Chronicle.—

The Chairman laid before the Board the application of the watchmen for an increase of pay. — The board after duly considering the subject — voted that it was not expedient to make any addition to their pay.—

[**96.**] A communication from P. O. Thacher Esq. respecting the town's slip from Lynn street to the sea, was referred to Mr. Shaw, who was requested to confer with Mr. Thacher on the subject & report.

The application of the Rev. Dr. Baldwin and others for the use of the new school house (Fort hill) for the purpose of holding a weekly lecture, and occasionally to meet on the Sabbath, was considered & voted, that the school houses being under the direction and control of the School Committee it was not in the power of the board to grant the request, & that the Chairman be instructed to lay the request before the School Committee.—

Complaint having been made by Mr. Jona — Simonds that the constable who distributed notifications for the last town meeting did not do his duty, as a number of citizens in Ward No. 11. were not notified. The Board requested the Chairman to make the necessary enquiry.

The request of a number of citizens that the hand cart men usually standing at the corner of Kilby next to State street might be removed; was referred to the committee of Section No. 3. who were requested to consult with the deputy police officer respecting a new stand for the hand cartmen & report to the board.—

The Chairman reported, that the treasurer of the Franklin Fund had informed him, that a sum sufficient to make up three thousand dollars had been deposited in the M. & M. Bank, agreeably to a vote of the Board of the 3d. instant.—

[**97.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 17th, 1819 — Present the whole Board, except Mr. Hunewell.

34 jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.

The committee appointed to revise the rules & orders of the board have attended that service, and ask leave to report the rules and orders adopted on the 18th. day of March, 1818 — with the following addition — viz.

The committees of the sections shall have the direction of the lamps in their respective sections, and shall have the power of shifting, adding to, or reducing their number, as they may deem expedient.— report accepted.—

Voted, that the Board be divided into committees as follows.—

Section No. 1. to be assigned to Messrs. Austin & Silsby.
Section No. 2. to Messrs. Dorr & Shaw
Section No. 3. to Messrs. Oliver & Bass
Section No. 4. to Messrs. Hunewell & Lovering.
Messrs. Lovering & Bass Committee of the Neck.

Messrs. Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Bass & Phillips — Committee of the Common.

[**98.**] Messrs. Phillips, Dorr & Silsby Committee of the Market.—
Messrs. Austin & Silsby North Schools & Watch.
Messrs. Dorr & Phillips — West Schools.—
Messrs. Dorr & Shaw — Boylston Schools.—
Messrs. Oliver & Bass — Center Schools & Watch.
Messrs. Hunewell & Lovering — South Schools & Watch.
Mr. Hunewell Committee of Hay Scales.
Messrs. Hunewell, Lovering & Austin Committee of the Town-house.

Mr. Shaw to whom was referred the communication from P. O. Thacher Esq. respecting the town's slip from Lynn street made the following report, which was read and accepted.

The subscriber to whom was referred the communication of P. O. Thacher Esq. respecting the town's slip in Lynn street, having conferred with Mr. Thacher upon the subject and understood his view of the subject do report. That in my opinion it is expedient to adopt the course proposed by Mr. Thacher, and pass the vote proposed in his communication, which is respectfully submitted.—

Lemuel Shaw.

[**99.**] Whereupon the Board passed the following vote.

Whereas this Board upon enquiry, find that there was an ancient slip or dock, running from Lynn street to low water mark in the direction of Foster's Lane, being a continuation of the same, which was used by all the citizens freely as a landing place, and the same slip was staked out by a committee of this Board in behalf of the town in the year 1807, the same being claimed as the ancient and undoubted right of the town: — and the same committee did forbid Messrs. Holbrook & Whitney from trespassing thereon: — and whereas in the opinion of this Board, it would be for the safety and convenience of the public, that the said slip should be kept open and free from all incumbrances, and that it should be established as one of the streets

and highways of the town: — therefore voted, that Fosters Lane so called, be continued at the width of eighteen feet across Lynn street down to low water mark, as one of the streets & highways of the town, and the same is hereby established as such accordingly.

The Chairman reported he had examined into the complaint exhibited against the constable (Holden) who was employed to distribute the notifications in Ward No. 11. and was informed by him that he had endeavoured to do his duty & was not conscious of having neglected it in this instance, and that he delivered all the notifications he had received from the printer, there being but 350 left when he called for them.

[**100.**] The Committee of Section No. 3. to whom was referred the complaint against the hand cart men, requested further time to make their report on that subject.

The following officers were chosen for the year ensuing.—

Samuel Phillips — Hay weigher — Joseph Lovering & John Parker Esqr. his bondsmen.

Nathaniel Meriam, Clerk of the Market — on condition of his giving a bond for one thousand dollars with two sufficient bondsmen, for the faithful discharge of his duty; he to pay over to the town treasurer all monies collected by him, once in four weeks, and produce a receipt therefor to the Chairman of this Board.—

Allan Pollack sealer of Weights & measures.

Caleb Loring Junr. Weigher of Boats & Lighters.

The Choice of police officers was assigned for this day fortnight.—

Mr. Braddock Loring was appointed a measurer of wood coming by water into this town.

[**101.**] The application of Thomas K. Williams to lease for five years, a piece of land on the neck belonging to the town, was referred to the committee of the Neck.

The application of Thomas R. Holden for a place or stall to sell fish at the north part of the town, at the head of Winnesimit ferry ways, was referred to the Committee of Section No. 1.

The Chairman was authorized (when he should deem it necessary) to direct the officer of police to give notice that for

thirty days next ensuing no cart, waggon or truck shall carry at any one time over the streets more than two hogsheads, six feet of dry pine or eastern wood, or four feet of green wood, or of manure or any other article more than one ton.—

Warrant was signed for April meeting — Mr. Buckingham to print notifications. — Rev. Mr. Huntington to open the meeting with prayer.—

[**102.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 24th, 1819. — Present the whole Board except Mr. Silsby.—

John Meriam & Abijah Meriam were approved as bondsmen for Nathaniel Meriam, Clerk of the Market.—

Voted, That hereafter it be the duty of the Clerk of the Market, to pay over to the town treasurer all the monies which he may receive on account of the town *monthly*, and produce his receipts therefor to the Chairman of this Board.—

The committee to whom was referred the application of Mr. Thos. K. Williams, reported, that they had viewed the land that Mr. Williams was desirous of leasing, that in their opinion it was worth $20 — per annum, but as Mr. W. was not willing to pay more than $10 — a year, they were of opinion it was not expedient to lease it at that price — report accepted.—

The committee to whom was referred the application of Thomas R. Holden, reported, that they had attended the duty assigned them, and found on examination, that a stall for the sale of fish might be conveniently erected at the place applied for, that it would be a great accommodation for the citizens residing at the north part of the town to have a fish market established there. — and a suitable building might be erected, that would not cost more than eighty dollars, for which building Mr. Holden would pay forty dollars a year,— whereupon it was voted, that the committee be authorized [**103.**] to have a stall built provided the expense would not exceed eighty dollars; and that Mr. Holden or some other person would take a lease of it at forty dollars per annum.

Mr. Dorr was appointed a committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Huntington, and request he would open the meeting with prayer, on the first Monday of April next.—

The chairman reported that Mr. Tukesbury had informed him, that several persons had been lately seen taking ballast from Deer Island. — The Board fully impressed with the importance of this island to the security of the harbour,—

voted, That the Chairman be directed to have the following Advertisement inserted in the public prints. — viz.

Fifty Dollars Reward.—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Boston March 24, 1819. It having been represented to this Board, that several persons have been seen lately taking ballast from Deer Island, the property of the town, in violation of notice heretofore given, and thereby endangering the safety of the Town and harbour: *public notice is again given,* that no person is allowed to take sand, gravel, or ballast of any kind, from any part of said island, or the Fawn bars; all persons who shall offend in future in this respect will be prosecuted; and any one who will give information of such trespass, to convict the offender, shall receive the above reward.

By order of the Selectmen

Turner Phillips, Chairman.

[**104.**] The Chairman informed that Mr. Galen Holmes had complained to him, that the town crier had charged an exorbitant fee for crying two children that were lost some time since; — that he (the Chairman had sent for Mr. Wilson and made enquiry on the subject; — that he had advised Mr. Wilson to return Mr. Holmes one half the sum which he had received, which he consented to do. — That Mr. Holmes had since received from Mr. Wilson two notes couched in very reprehensible language — and requested the Board would take the subject under consideration and afford him such redress as the nature of the offence demanded.—

The notes being read the Board voted, that the Chairman be instructed to notify the parties to attend at the Selectmens room on Wednesday next at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on accounts for the present month were authorized to allow the bills of Saml. L. Knapp Esq. attorney at law against William D. Allison & Ebenezer Brown for services performed in defending them in an action brought against them by John Emery at the July term of the Boston Court of Common Pleas, on which trial every thing appeared fair & correct on the part of the said Allison & Brown, as watchmen of the town.—

The Committee of the Neck were authorized to make such repairs on Lambs Dam as they may find necessary; —also to have a fence placed round the bull pasture, so called, and to have such repairs made to the fence on the Neck as they may deem expedient.—

Information being received that Major Seth [**105.**] Johnson had fenced in a piece of the town's land on the Neck, — The

committee of Section No. 4 were authorized to lease the land to him, and in case he should refuse to take a lease of the said land on such terms as the committee may think reasonable, the committee are empowered to have the fence removed.

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Hunewell by the Chairman.

The Chairman was requested to have a dinner provided for the Board on the day of the election of governor, lieutenant governor &c. and for such guests as have usually been invited on that occasion.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 31st, 1819 — Present the whole Board, except Mr. Austin.—

Passed the monthly draft.

At the mutual request of Lawrence Nichols & Bernard Alexander who was indented to the former with the approbation of this Board on the 3d. instant, and personal examination of the parties, voted that the said indenture be and the same is hereby cancelled, and the parties respectively discharged from their obligations.

The Chairman & Mr. Oliver were authorized to dispose of the bell formerly used at one of the school houses, to Mr. Parker for the use of the Episcopal Society worshipping at So. Boston, at 30 cents a pound.

[**106.**] This being the time assigned for coming to a choice of police officers, for the year ensuing, the subject was taken into consideration, & voted, that the choice of police officers for the year ensuing be postponed, and that the Chairman, Messrs. Lovering, Silsby & Shaw be a committee to consider the expediency of reducing the number of police officers for the ensuing year and report at the next meeting of the Board.—

Returns were received from the Superintendent of Police, and the Deputy Police Officer of fines received by them for the quarter ending this day.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 7th, 1819. — Present Messrs. Phillips, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.

The Committee appointed "to take into consideration the expediency of reducing the number of police officers" have attended the duty assigned them and report. — That having

given the subject the consideration that its importance required, and being impressed with the belief that the great mass of their fellow citizens are now so fully sensible of the necessity that the by-laws and orders of the town and the laws of the Commonwealth which especially relate to the good order & government of the town should be complied with, and are so well disposed to that effect, are of opinion that one police officer will be sufficient for the year ensuing.—

[**107.**] Your committee have also taken into consideration the compensation to be allowed said officer, and are of opinion eight hundred dollars per annum will be fully adequate to the services he will have to perform; Altho' your committee are very desirous to be as economical in the expenditure of the public money as possible, yet in naming this salary they would observe, they have not been governed solely by the motives of economy, but have also duly considered the services to be performed.—

The committee would recommend that the police officer be directed to pay into the town treasury all fines that may by law accrue to him; — they are not influenced in the adoption of this measure by the amount of the fines, which are trifling, but because they believe it would be more satisfactory to the public, and what is of much greater importance in the opinion of your committee, it would prevent the person fined from charging the officer with having commenced the prosecution for his personal interest, and not the public good.

By order of the Committee

Apl. 2d, 1819. Turner Phillips, Chairman.

The foregoing report was read & accepted — and Thursday next assigned for coming to the choice of police officer.

The committee appointed the 11th ultimo to consider the application of a number of citizens [**108.**] that the hand-cart men usually standing at the corner of Kilby and State streets might be removed reported, that the hand cart men who now stand at the corner of Kilby & State streets, be removed to Liberty square — report accepted.

A complaint having been made that Mr. David Forsaith was making sales at public auction in State street in violation of the conditions on which licenses had been granted to the auctioneers of the town for several years past; The Chairman informed, that he had directed the Superintendent of Police to call on Mr. Forsaith and to request him to desist from making sales at auction in that street, that he (the Chairman) afterwards met Mr. Forsaith in the street, who observed that he had received notice from the police officer, and wished to know why such notice had been sent to him — he was informed it was contrary to the restrictions laid on all the auctioneers and that

the Selectmen would not allow it; to this he replied he did not care a dam about it; the conversation then ended. The Board voted, that the Chairman be directed to request Mr. David Forsaith (in writing) to desist from making sales at auction in State street, & to inform him if he should continue (contrary to the restrictions laid on all the auctioneers) to do it, the time is approaching when it will be in their power effectually to prevent it.—

The Board having received information that a passage way leading through land owned [**109.**] by Mr. Thomas Haskins, or under his superintendence or control, between Carver & Pleasant streets is in such bad order as to make it dangerous for the citizens or others to pass over. — Ordered That the Chairman be instructed to inform Mr. Haskins that the Selectmen consider him responsible for any damage that may happen to the person or property of any individual passing over the same, and to inform him, if he should refuse or neglect to have said passage way put in a state of security, it will be their duty to have a fence placed at each end thereof and thereby prevent the citizens from attempting to pass over it.—

Messrs. Shaw, Dorr & Austin were appointed a committee to meet & confer with a sub-committee of the School Committee respecting what remuneration ought (in equity) to be made to the Society in Hollis street for the upper story of the school house in Nassau street, called Franklin Hall — the same having been taken for the use of the town, for a writing school.

The Board having received an invitation from the Church & Society in Hollis street to attend at the ordination of Mr. John Pierpont, and also to dine with them after the religious services of the day. — Voted that the Chairman be requested to inform the committee of the Society that the Board will with pleasure accept their polite invitation.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Board be on Thursday the 15th instant at 4 o'clock. P. M.

[**110.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 15th, 1819 — Present the whole Board.—

This being the time assigned for coming to the choice of a police officer (the Chairman read a note he had received from Nehemiah Freeman Esq. declining to offer himself as a candidate for the office) the votes were taken and Mr. Caleb Hayward was declared to be unanimously chosen police officer during the pleasure of the Board, subject to all the orders, rules & regulations of this Board, with a salary at the rate of eight hundred dollars Pr annum.

Voted that the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars be paid Colo. Nehemiah Freeman in full for his services as police officer, being the amount of his salary to the termination of the current quarter.

The Chairman made the following report — That in the hope Mr. Forsaith would desist from making sales at auction at his office in State street, he refrained from writing him on that subject until Friday last, when having observed an advertisement for a sale at his office No. 50 State street, he (the Chairman) in compliance with the orders of the Board sent him on Friday the 9th. instant a note of which the following is a copy —

Selectmens room April 9th, 1819.

Sir

In consequence of a complaint being made that you were selling at public auction, in State street, in direct violation of the conditions on [**111.**] which licenses have been granted to the auctioneers of this town for several years past, I directed the police officer to call on you and request you would not continue your sales by auction in that street — since which having observed your advertisements for sales at auction at your office No. 50 State street it became my duty to lay the subject before the Selectmen, who have directed me again to request you will refrain from making sales by auction in State street, and to inform you if you should continue (contrary to the restrictions laid on all the auctioneers) to do it, the time is approaching when it will be in their power effectually to prevent it.—

I am Sir, your Hbl Servt

Turner Phillips Chairman

Mr. David Forsaith.— of the Selectmen.

That in the afternoon of the next day (Saturday the 10th. instant) Mr. Forsaith came into the Selectmens Room (accompanied by Mr. Josiah Forsaith) and informed the Chairman he had called with his friend to make some enquiry respecting a note he had received the day before, (that he had communicated it to Mr. Peabody who observed that such treatment could not be submitted to,) and that he now wished to know why he was singled out on that occasion; he was answered that he was not the only one who was restricted from making sales at auction in State street, that it was a condition on which licenses had been granted to all the auctioneers in town; he then asked why Mr. Callamore was not prevented from making sales in that street the last summer; — he was answered that those sales [**112.**] (if there were any) were not known to the Board, if they had come to there knowledge they would have been stopped; — that there had been an application to the Selectmen for permission to show a flag only in that street,

without making any sales on the street which was refused; he then asked who made the complaint, the reply was "as the fact was not denied it was unnecessary to say who the complainant was"— he then charged the Board with being partial (by repeating the vulgar saying) that kissing went by favor with the Board; — In reply to this unjust charge your Chairman could not refrain from saying the Board despised such conduct, & he believes he added, such insinuations;— Mr. Forsaith immediately replied, — and I despise you, I despise you Sir. after some further conversation Mr. Forsaith insinuated that such conduct might affect the re-election of the present Board, to which he was answered, the Board were not seeking popularity, that they would do what they conceived to be their duty, let the event be what it might.

The Chairman would not have troubled the Board with this statement had he considered it personal, but the honor of the Board being implicated, he considered it his duty to submit it to them. — He would also observe that as Chairman of the Board it is his duty to comply with their directions, and if in so doing he is to be insulted with impunity, no consideration will induce him any longer to serve as their Chairman. — all which is submitted for the consideration of the Board by their

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T. Phillips

[113.] * Note. On Monday the 12th. instant, The Chairman sent a Note to Mr. Forsaith requesting he would favor him with the name of the person who accompanied him on Saturday last to the Selectmens room; — in consequence of which Mr. F. called with his brother being the same person who was with him — The Chairman then read to them what he had committed to paper, and asked them if it was correct; — Mr. Forsaith said it was, with the exception of that part respecting Mr. Peabody.—

The foregoing statement was ordered to be recorded.

The Chairman informed, that in compliance with the orders of the Board he had sent a written notice to Mr. Thomas Haskins, of which the following is a copy.

Selectmens Room Apl. 8, 1819.

Mr. Thomas Haskins

Sir

The Selectmen having been informed that a passageway leading through land owned by you, or under your superintendence or control, between Carver & Pleasant streets, is now in such bad order as to make it dangerous for the citizens to pass over. — I am instructed by the Board to inform you,

they consider you responsible for any damage that may happen to the person or property of any citizen passing over the same; — and to direct you to have said passageway put in such order as to prevent any danger arising therefrom. — Should you neglect to pay proper attention to this notice, it will be the duty of the Selectmen to have a fence placed at [**114.**] each end of the passage way and thereby prevent the citizens from attempting to pass over it.

Return was made by Mr. Hunewell, that he had examined the accounts of the Hay weigher for the quarter ending the 1st. instant the whole amount of the proceeds was $315.8 — and the balance due the town was $101.29 — which the treasurer has been ordered to receive.

The Chairman informed, that after organizing the Board of Assistant Assessors he had informed them, that he was directed by the Selectmen to request them to furnish a list of the rateable polls in their respective wards on, or before Wednesday the 12th day of May next, and that this was indispensable to ascertain the number of Representatives the town had a right to send, and to entitle them to their seats in the Legislature.

Mr. Shaw & the Chairman were appointed a committee on the subject of an orator for the 4th. of July next.

The application of Mr. Daniel Baxter that a committee might be appointed to ascertain the quantity of land thrown by him into Harvard street, and if wanted to widen said street to ascertain the value thereof. — was referred to the Committee of section No 4.—

[**115.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 21st, 1819. — Present Messrs. Philips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Dorr & Shaw.

It being represented to the Board that the funds of the Episcopal Society at South Boston were so low as not to admit of their purchasing a bell, and the Board being of opinion that in the event of a fire happening at that section of the town, a bell might be very serviceable in sounding the alarm,— Voted, that the committee appointed on the 31st. ultimo be authorized to loan one of the school bells to said Society; Mr. Gould giving his obligation to return it when demanded, or pay for the same.

The committee of the Neck reported that agreeably to the directions of the Board they had leased to Major Seth Johnson a piece of the town's land on the Neck (fenced by him) for five dollars per annum.

The committee to whom was referred the application of Mr. Daniel Baxter respecting land on Harvard street, requested further time to report.

The Chairman was requested to direct the police officer to attend on Mr. Shaw for instructions to carry into execution the vote of the Board of the 17th. March last respecting the town's slip from Lynn street, the thirty days allowed to remove the incumbrances having expired.—

The committee of section No. 2 were authorized to repair the bottom of North Allen street.—

[**116.**] The chairman was instructed to direct the police officer to call on Mr. Washington Munroe & order him to remove his bench and commodities from Dock Square without delay.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28th, 1819.—

Present the whole Board. — Passed the monthly accounts.—

The Board came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration on the 5th of July next, (the 4th. being Sunday) and voted unanimously, that Franklin Dexter, Esq. be requested to deliver the annual oration, before the town on the next anniversary of American Independence on the 5th. day of July next, and that the Chairman be requested to communicate notice thereof to Mr. Dexter.—

The committee appointed the 7th. instant, to whom was referred the application of William Dall & Amasa Davis, Esquires, trustees of Franklin Hall, in behalf of themselves & others, as proprietors of said hall, and beneficially interested therein, having, as directed, conferred with a committee from the School Committee, & considered the subject, report, that in their opinion the applicants have equitable claim upon the town for a reasonable compensation for said hall which has now been taken for public use, that [**117.**] six hundred dollars is in their opinion a valuable and adequate compensation therefor, and ought to be paid by the town, on obtaining a full release and discharge of all claims therein, legal & equitable, in which opinions the said sub committee from the School Committee, fully concurred. They also report that the facts and reasonings, upon which these opinions are founded, are detailed at length in the report made to the School Committee, to which therefore they beg leave to refer. which is respectfully submitted.

By Order, & Lemuel Shaw.

Ap. 28, 1819.

The foregoing report was accepted by the School Committee.

Mr. Shaw was requested to ascertain if the by-laws of the town extended to waggons, carts, trucks or other vehicles coming into the town from the country, or the towns adjacent.

The petition of Wm D. Allison, that the town would pay $—— for a verdict & costs rendered against him in an action, brought by Emery; he (Allison) constable of the watch being free from fault in the transaction for which he had been prosecuted, and for which sum he had been arrested & committed to prison; was referred to Mr. Shaw.

Return was made by the Chairman (one of the committee of the Market) that he had examined the accounts of the Clerk of the Market for the quarter ending the 24 inst. the whole amount of which was $1973.25 — which he had ordered paid to the treasurer.

The committee of the Common were authorized to agree with Mr. Gray to erect an arch at the entrance of the mall at bottom of Park street, for sixty dollars.—

[**118.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen May 4th, 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Dorr & Shaw.—

4 Grand & 4 petit jurors were drawn for the Circuit Court of the United States.

The Chairman read a note he had received from Franklin Dexter Esq. accepting the appointment of orator for the 5th. July next, the 4th. being Sunday.

Mr. Shaw to whom was referred (on the 28th ultimo) the application of Wm. D. Allison, reported that it was *not* expedient to grant the request — report accepted.

On the application of a number of citizens "that the carriages &c &c usually standing in State street at the east end of the Old State House may not be suffered to stand there in future" — Voted, that the police officer be directed to publish in two papers, the by law on that subject giving notice that it will be enforced against all offenders in future; and that he be authorized to employ one of the constables of the town to stand in that street two days for the purpose of giving notice to offenders, and having the law obeyed.—

The police officer having reported that in carrying into execution the orders of the Board by removing [**119.**] the incumbrances from Fosters Lane he had been resisted by Mr. Asa Holbrook. — Voted, that the Chairman be requested to

call with the police officer on Mr. Thacher and state to him the conduct of Mr. Holbrook in this respect, and obtain from Mr. Thacher directions for the future conduct of the police officer for carrying the orders of the Board respecting that street fully into effect.—

The Chairman was instructed to notify Mr. Ebenr Clap to remove the stone wall, which stands on the former bounds of his land, but now on Dorchester street So. Boston, without delay.
Notified.

Mr. Elisha Copeland was authorized to let the stands on the mall on public days at the same rate Mr. Stevenson formerly let them, he paying the expense of twelve constables on the days of the general and Artillery elections, & for clearing & cleaning the mall and common as speedily as possible after public days; and suffering any cart or other carriage to enter on the mall or Common.—

Voted, that Messrs. Dorr & Silsby be a committee to advise and assist the Chairman respecting the sum necessary for the current expenses in the Selectmen's department for the year ensuing and for the completion and arrangement of the documents ordered to be printed and distributed among the inhabitants.

Warrant was signed for town meeting for choice of Representatives to the next General Court.

[**120.**] Rev. Mr. Pierpont to be requested to open the meeting with prayer. — Mr. Buckingham to print the notifications.

Voted, That the Selectmen will be in session the whole of Wednesday next for the purpose of correcting the list of voters for Representatives of this town to the General Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12th 1819— Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Shaw.—

The Chairman read the following note from L. Baldwin Esq. Agent of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation.—

Boston May 7. 1819.

Dear Sir

Soon after the directors of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation appointed me their agent and superintendent I was directed by them to erect a building for an office at the north east end of the dam by Charles street.

But owing to the crowded state of the business at that point, I could find no situation, where it could be placed on the dam. I therefore erected it over the flats in the angle of the [**121.**] dam and Charles street, with the north sill resting on the south east side of the dam, and the north east sill on the south side of Charles street. the other part of the building rests on piles. I was induced to place it there as most convenient to our present business, and as it is intended only for an office during the execution of the work, and understanding that no formal application to the gentlemen Selectmen was necessary for the purpose, I proceeded without consulting them. — But as some enquiries have been made about it to day, I take this early occasion to state the facts to the Selectmen of Boston to request their permission to allow the house to remain where it is, and to assure them that neither the directors of the Mill Corporation nor myself, ever contemplated improving it in its present place for any other purpose than an office for the necessary business of their work, or of keeping it there any longer than it shall be so used or wanted. If upon these circumstances the gentlemen Selectmen, will permit it to stand where it is for the reasons and purposes above stated they may be assured that it shall be removed when no longer wanted for an office, or whenever the interest of the town shall require such removal — with great respect, Yr. Obt. serv L. Baldwin Agent &c of Boston

Turner Phillips Esq & Roxbury Mill Corporation.
Chairn of Board of
Selectmen.
Boston.

[**122.**] Whereupon it was voted, that the above request be so far granted as that the building be permitted to remain in its present place during the pleasure of the Board.—

The proposal of Mr. John M. Dearborn for watering the streets of the Town was laid before the Board. The Chairman was requested to inform Mr. Dearborn, that however desirable it might be to the Board to have it carried into execution, it is not within the limits of their authority to grant any exclusive right.

Mr. Derastus Clapp was licensed as an auctioneer, his auction office to be at No. 16 Essex street.

Mr. Charles D. Coolidge was licensed as an auctioneer his auction office to be at Central wharf or Kilby street.

[**123.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19th, 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Silsby & Shaw.

The Chairman informed he had received a letter from Daniel Stevens Esq. Intendant of the city of Charleston of which the following is a copy.

Sir

In conformity with a resolution of the City Council of Charleston, I herewith have the honor to forward you "Two Copies of the Digest of the City Ordinances of the City of Charleston" and I am to request of you an interchange of the Laws and Ordinances of the town of Boston.

I have the honor to be very respectfully your most Obedt. Servt. — (signed) Daniel Stevens.

The Chairman of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

Whereupon it was voted, that the Chairman be requested to have two copies of the by-laws and orders of the town elegantly bound & forwarded to the Hon. The Intendant and City Council of Charleston.

The Chairman laid before the Board a communication from L. Baldwin Esq. agent [**124.**] and superintendent of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation, stating that a building had been erected over the flats at the bottom of Beacon street adjoining the north wall of the dam upon what was considered the continuation of Beacon street. The Board took the same into consideration and voted, that the whole Board will attend at the bottom of Beacon street tomorrow at 4 o'clock P. M. to view the building above mentioned.—

The Chairman to direct the police officer to notify Capt. Joseph Jenkins to have the pavement taken up by him (to lay a drain in Purchase street) relaid, in default of which, the Board would have it done and bill sent to him for payment.

The committee of Section No. 4 were authorized to complete as much of Dorchester street at South Boston as they may think expedient, also to make such repairs on First street in that section of the town as they may judge necessary.

Mr. Nehemiah Somes was licensed as an auctioneer, his place of business No. 11 Kilby street. — And Mr. Elisha Smith was also licensed in Boylston street.

Warrant for town meeting on the money concerns of the town, was signed — Mr. Buckingham to print notification.—

[**125.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 25th, 1819 — Present — The whole Board except Mr. Silsby.—

The Board agreeably to assignment met in Beacon street on Thursday the 20th instant accompanied by Mr. Taylor, and after measuring the width of that street in several places proceeded to view the building erected at the bottom of the street by Benjamin Joy Esq. and were of opinion it was an encroachment on the property of the town eight feet four inches.—

The Board now took up the subject again and voted that the Chairman send Mr. Joy the following notice—

Boston May 25th, 1819—

Sir

The Selectmen having received information that (by your order) a building had been placed over the flats at the bottom of Beacon street, and having viewed the same, are of opinion "it is an encroachment on the property of the town as far as it extends south of the north line of that street which is about eight feet" — I am instructed by them to inform you that this nuisance must be removed within ten days from the date hereof; — should you neglect this notice, it will be their duty as guardians of the rights [**126.**] of the town to take measures to have it removed or demolished.

(signed) Turner Phillips Chairman of Selectn

The committee of Section No. 4. reported, that they had agreed with Mr. Malone — to make as much of Dorchester street as may be necessary, and had also made some enquiry respecting the cost of the repairs wanting on First street at South Boston. — They informed that Mr. Clap had not removed his wall or fence on Dorchester street which must be done before that street could be made; whereupon it was voted, that the Chairman be instructed to notify Mr. Clap to remove his stone wall or fence on Dorchester street, or it would be given to any person who would take it away — (Mr. Clap notified by the Chairman the 27th instant.)—

The application of Honbl. William Eustis for payment for land (said to be taken from him to widen Elm street, was referred to committee of Section No. 2.—

The committee of the Common were authorized to have a new fence placed on the inner part of the new mall on Park street, the old fence to be taken to a place of safety to be disposed of as occasion may require.—

[**127.**] On the application of Mr. Reed of Marblehead, representation was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate for the county of Suffolk, that Ruth Lambert, widow, does by excessive drinking and idleness, so spend and waste her estate as thereby to expose herself to want, and suffering circumstances and praying that a guardian may be appointed for her.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday. June 2d, 1819 present the whole Board except Mr. Hunewell.

A communication from the Hon. H. G. Otis and others respecting the building erected at the lower part of Beacon street was read by the Chairman. The Board after duly considering the same voted, that the communication from the Hon. Mr. Otis & others relative to the north line of the lower part of Beacon street, be referred to Messrs. Shaw, Hunewell & Oliver to confer with the said gentlemen and also with the proprietors of the dam, and ascertain what the views and wishes of the respective parties are relative to said streets &c upon what terms the same can be filled up & completed.

[**128.**] The Chairman informed that agreeably to the vote of the Board he had notified Mr. Clap to remove his stone wall from Dorchester street at South Boston, or it would be considered a nuisance and given to any person that would take it away since which Mr. Malone had informed "that Mr. Clap had not removed his stone wall and that he should be obliged to desist from working in the street unless it was immediately removed. That he (the Chairman then addressed a note to Mr. Clap of which the following is a copy.

Boston May 31 st, 1819.

Sir

I am this moment informed the stones, that composed your wall are not removed from Dorchester street So Boston — I would now inform you if they are not removed by 12 o'clock tomorrow they are given to a person that will remove them after that time.—

By order of the Selectmen
Turner Phillips. Chairman.

Mr. Ebenr. Clap.

This produced a reply from Mr. Clap of which the following is [a] copy.

Dorchester 1st. June 1819.

[**129.**]

Sir,

Your several notes have been received, in answer to which I am instructed by the owners of land at South Boston alluded to, to say that they will remove their stone wall, but will not give up *their claim* to the land, and do by this notice forbid any street or trepass on said land until compensation is made for the same.—

By order of the owners.—
(Signed) Ebenr. Clap Jr.

Turner Phillips Eqr.
Chairman Selectmen
Boston.

The committee of Section No. 2 to whom was referred the application of Hon. William Eustis, requested further time to report on that subject.—

The application of Thomas K. Jones and others to change the direction of the common sewer in Water street, was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.—

The committee of Section No. 4 to whom was referred the application of Mr. Daniel Baxter for payment for land thrown into Harvard street, reported, (some time since) that the subject be left to referrees, Mr. Baxter paying all the expense attending the decision. — Mr. Baxter having agreed to [**130.**] the above terms, proposed as referees, Deacon Faxon, John Knapp Esq, & Mr. John Howe, to which the Board agreed & requested the committee of Section No. 4 to attend on the part of the town.

Mr. Ralph Haskins having refused to pay Sargent & Hart's bill for relaying the pavement over a drain laid by his order in Court & Hanover streets. voted that Mr. Shaw be requested to bring an action against Mr. Haskins for the amount of Sargent & Hart's bill.

The Chairman was requested to enclose an attested copy of the vote of the town to the Hon. Justices of the Court of Sessions on the subject of erecting a new prison, and to inform them, the Board are ready to meet and confer with them on this important subject, and afford them all the assistance in their power.

Whereas the town has heretofore suffered inconvenience & loss by unskilful or unfaithful workmen having been employed in paving the streets; — voted, that no workmen shall be employed by any member or members of this Board, who shall not previously have been approved by a majority of the Board as a suitable person for that service.

[**131.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 9th, 1819. — Present the whole Board.

7 jurors were drawn for the District Court of the United States.

The committee appointed to meet and confer with the Hon. Mr. Otis and others requested further time to report on that subject.—

The committee of Section No. 2. to whom was referred the application of Hon. William Eustis reported, that they had attended the duty assigned them, and were of opinion Mr.

Eustis so far from being injured by the improvements made in Elm street, had been benefited thereby and was not entitled to any compensation — report accepted, and the Chairman instructed to inform Hon. Mr. Eustis that the Selectmen do not think he is entitled to any compensation for the improvements they have made in Elm street. — (informed the 10th. instant)

The committee of Section No. 3 to whom was referred the application of Thomas K. Jones & others, to change the direction of the common sewer in Water street, reported — That the request be granted under the inspection of the police officer, or such other person as the Board may appoint; — The Board being of opinion the committee had not obtained a complete knowledge of this business, it was recommitted, with directions to employ Messrs. Sargent & Hart and obtain the best [**132.**] possible information of the state and course of the common sewer in that street.

The Chairman informed, that agreeably to the directions of the Board, he had sent the Justices of the Court of Sessions an attested copy of the vote of the town, and informed them the Board were ready to meet & confer with them on that important subject. — He also informed he had received a note from the Clerk of the Court, requesting the Board would meet the Court on Thursday next — but as several of the Board were engaged on that day, the Chairman was directed to inform the Court the Board would meet them on Friday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

The Chairman was instructed to take measures to prevent persons from bathing in the sea during day light, near or at Sea street, — Also to prevent the washing or watering horses on the Lords day, particularly at Castle street.—

The Committee of the Market were authorized to make such repairs or alterations to the covering of the stalls at the west end of the market house as they may deem expedient.—

The Chairman was authorized to procure a sett of benches for the Hall, provided they do not cost more than 100 dollars.

Warrant was signed for town meeting on Monday next.

The application to pave Berry & Myrtle streets were ordered to lay for the present.

[**133.**] The following were named and approved as suitable persons to be employed as pavers — Sargent & Hart, William Hart, Turell Tuttle Jur. & Samuel Sprague.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 16th 1819 — Present the whole Board except Mr. Silsby.—

A complaint having been made by Thomas Bumstead, Henry Hubbard, Henry Lee & a number of other citiezns, that that part of Common street near the stable of Mr. Este, and the chaise and carriage manufactory near Mr. Tuckermans is almost constantly obstructed by carriages, wagons, horses and other nuisances, and requesting that the board would take measures to have these nuisances removed. Voted, that the Chairman be requested to take such measures as he may think requisite, to have the nuisances complained of removed and the by laws of the town in this respect complied with.

The committee of Section No. 2 were authorized to have the necessary repairs done on Brighton street.—

The Chairman communicated a note he had received from the Hon. William Eustis, in reply to a note sent him on the 10th instant in which the honorable gentleman protests against the decision of the Board respecting land said to have been taken from him in Elm street. The Board [**134.**] after considering the subject again were of opinion Mr. Eustis was not entitled to any compensation, and if he was dissatisfied with their decision, he was at liberty to resort to the laws of the land.

* Conformably to a vote of the town of the 14th. instant, a remonstrance against the petition of David Greenough and others to the Gen. Court for a new market was signed & forwarded to the Hon. Legislature now in session. — A copy of the remonstrance is on file of mixed papers for 1819.

A communication from S. M. Thayer, E. Mears, A. Richardson & Thomas Dean was laid before the Board, stating that the pavement in Cooks court was very much out of repair, and requesting that the town would pay a part of the expense of relaying the pavement. The Board took the same into consideration, and as the town was interested in the court as far as the school house and yard extended, — voted, that the town will pay one hundred dollars towards relaying the pavement in Cooks court when it is completed to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.—

The application of Mr. Geo. W. Clark to be appointed auctioneer, was referred to Mr. Silsby to make enquiry.

Mr. Joseph Bailey was authorized to superintend and prepare the music for the 5th. of July next, for which the Board agreed to allow a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.—

* The original MSS. shows this note to be in the margin of the page.

Complaint having been made that Mr. Timothy Batts keeps a livery stable in Friend street which has not been approved by the Board. — The Chairman was instructed [**135.**] to inform Mr. Batts that the stable kept by him in Fr end street has not been approbated by the Selectmen as a livery stable and to forbid his continuing to use it as such, as he would avoid the penalty of the law in such case made and provided.

The Chairman was desired to have the side walk on Ann street in front of a passageway leading to the market, and near an estate owned by Major Stetson, laid with brick or flat stones.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 21st. 1819. — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.

34 jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 23d. 1819 — Present, The whole Board.—

Mr. George W. Clark was approved as an auctioneer on condition, that his office was to be kept in an unexceptionable place.

The Chairman informed, he had in compliance with the orders of the Board notified Mr. Timothy Batts to desist from [**136.**] using a stable in Friend street as a livery stable.—

The committee of Section No. 2 were requested to have the building erected by Mr. Andrew Townsend on Brighton street taken down, so far as it is an encroachment on that street.

A complaint having been exhibited, that hackney carriage No. 70 owned by Mr. Oliver Gragg, and drove by Pettes was used on Sunday last from 10. o'clock A. M. to 5 P. M. — conveying persons from Southack to Fish streets in violation of law — Ordered, that the Chairman notify Mr. Gragg to attend the Board on Wednesday next at 4 o'clock P. M. — to shew cause why the license of said hackney carriage should not be revoked (notified)

The Application of Thomas Badger Esq. and others, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the ensuing anniversary of American Independence for the purpose of a collation, was granted.

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The Board agreed Mr. Buckingham should have the printing of the oration, provided he obtained the consent of the orator.

John Hawes Esq. having presented a lot of land measuring one hundred feet on Broad Way at South Boston and one [**137.**] hundred & forty five & one half feet rear, for the purpose of a public market place, agreeably to the requirements and provisions of a law of the Commonwealth, entitled "An act to set off the north east part of the town of Dorchester, and to annex the same to the town of Boston."

The Board accepted the same, and desired the Chairman to have a deed drawn and executed.—

x x Mr. Buckingham having applied for the right of printing the oration to be delivered on the 5th. July next, he delivering the Board two hundred copies, the town paying twenty five dollars as usual.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 30th. 1819. — Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Shaw.

The driver of hackney carriage No. 70. (Mr. Pettes) appeared to answer to the complaint against him (Mr. Gragg being out of town.) The Board having heard his defence and considering it was his first offence, voted, that the Chairman be requested to reprimand the driver and inform him as it is his first offence the Board excuse him, but if he should repeat the offence he will be deprived of his license.

The committee of Section No. 2 reported [**138.**] that they had complied with the directions of the Board in taking down that part of the building of Mr. Townsend which was an encroachment on Brighton street.—

On the application of Mr. Larra Crane representation was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate for the county of Suffolk, that Edward Smith of this town, Labourer, does by excessive drinking and idleness, so spend and waste his estate as thereby to expose himself and family to want and suffering circumstances, and praying that a guardian may be appointed for him.—

A similar representation was made on the 3d. of December last of Mary Trafrey, widow, which representation was not acted on by the Judge of Probate, The Board being satisfied that the necessity of a guardian for her still existed & another application being made they this day made a second application to the Hon. Judge of Probate praying that a guardian might be appointed for her.—

The Chairman communicated to the Board an invitation from the Supreme Executive of the State, to join with them in the celebration of the anniversary of American Independence

on the 5th of July next; voted, that this Board accept the invitation of the Supreme Executive, to join with them in the celebration of the anniversary of American Independence, on the fifth of July next. — And further that notice be [**139.**] given to his Excellency the Governor, that Franklin Dexter Esq. has been appointed by the Selectmen in pursuance of a vote of the town of Boston, to deliver an oration before the officers & citizens of the town in commemoration of our country's independence which will be delivered at the Old South Meeting House, and respectfully to invite the Supreme Executive of the Commonwealth & the gentlemen invited by them, to unite with the Selectmen and citizens of the town in attending on the oration, at the time & place, assigned by the Supreme Executive for attending divine service by the chaplains of the legislature.

(An invitation was sent to the Supreme Executive a copy of which is on file in the bundle of mixed papers.)

The president of the Board of Health having informed the Chairman, that, that Board had appointed a committee to ascertain if any addition was necessary to the burial ground at South Boston, reuquesting that a committee might be appointed on the part of the Selectmen to act in conjunction with them in conformity to the vote of the town passed the 21st June instant — The Chairman, Mr. Lovering & Mr. Hunewell were appointed on the part of this Board.—

The committee (consisting of Messrs. Oliver, Hunewell & Bass) to whom was referred the application of Thomas K. Jones & others for permission to change the course of the water, that comes down Water street, were requested [**140.**] to obtain the opinion of Sargent & Hart, and if found practicable, they were authorized to grant the permission requested, under such restrictions as they may think consistent with the interest of the town.

The committee of Section No. 2 were requested to ascertain what right, if any, Wm. Taylor had to land claimed by him on Myrtle street & now constituting part of that street, & report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Lovering was requested to inform the persons who were carting dirt on the Common to desist, unless they would carry it for one shilling a load.

The Board having received cards of invitation from the subscribers to the Collation at Faneuil Hall on the 5th of July next — The Chairman was requested to inform Col. Badger, through whom the cards were received; that as the time mentioned would interfere with the usual arrangements of

the municipal authority of the town on that day it would not be in their power to accept the invitation.—

It being expected by the Board that Mr. Nathaniel Brewer would resign his situation as commander of the town watch, in which event the Chairman was requested [**141.**] to authorize Mr. Caleb Hayward to take the charge & superintendence of the town watch, and to perform all the duties attached to that office, until the further order of this Board.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday July 7th, 1819 present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Shaw.

The committee of Section No. 2 who were requested to ascertain what right, if any, Wm. Taylor had to land claimed by him on Myrtle street reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and were of opinion that Mr. Taylor had a good right to the land claimed by him, which land now constituted a part of the street. — The Town Clerk residing in that street was requested to ascertain the amount of Mr. Taylors demand for the land & what portion of it could be raised by the proprietors of estates on that street. — Mr. Lovering reported that in compliance with the directions of the Board he has forbidden the carting any more dirt on the Common, they refusing to deliver it at one shilling a load.— The Chairman reported that Mr. Brewer having resigned his situation as captain of the town watch, he had in conformity to the orders of the Board appointed Mr. C. Hayward superintendent of the town watch until the further orders of the Board. — Mr. Dorr reported a list of watchmen for the centre watch, which was approved by the Board.—

A certificate was signed by the Board that William Fisher of this town has a daughter named Emeline thirteen years old that is deaf and dumb and that he is unable to defray the expense of board and instruction at the asylum at Hartford.—

A similar certificate was signed that Mary Jackson, widow of this town has a daughter named Sally twelve years old & that she is unable &c—

A remonstrance was recd. from nearly all the owners or occupiers of estates at the easterly end of State street stating that the great number of trucks [**142.**] usually standing in State street was a great inconvenience to the public and the occupiers of stores in that street praying they may be removed therefrom. The Board after duly considering the same, passed the following order. It is hereby ordered, that from

and after Monday the 19th instant, the trucks and carts owned by any inhabitants of the town of Boston, shall be allowed to stand in the following streets, and that no such cart, truck or sled be allowed to stand in any street, lane or square in said town, otherwise than as they [are] allowed Vizt. six trucks with a horse or horses harnessed to each may stand in Custom House street. — such trucks and carts with a horse or horses harnessed to each as have lately been allowed to stand at the east end of Faneuil Hall, shall be permitted to continue there for the present, under the direction of the Clerk of the Market.—

All other trucks not accommodated as above shall stand in Broad street, one half the number on each side the street, with their horses' heads and ends of the trucks at two feet distance from the flag stones.—

Four carts, with a horse or horses to each may stand in Custom House street, all other carts or wagons with horses to stand in Broad street, south of Custom House street and in Liberty Square.

All sleds owned by any inhabitant of the town shall be registered and numbered, and shall take their stands in the season when they shall be in use, under the same regulations as are above pointed out for trucks and carts.—

And it is hereby ordered, in pursuance of the authority vested in the Selectmen by a law of this Commonwealth, passed June 19th 1809, that if any person shall offend against the above rules, orders and regulations, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars, nor less than two dollars upon conviction of every breach of the same.—

It is further ordered, that so much of the rules and orders of the Selectmen, passed on the 1st day of [Sept.] A.D. 1818 as relates to the stands of trucks, carts & sleds, belonging to the inhabitants of the town of Boston is hereby repealed.—

By Order of the Selectmen.

[**143.**] Passed on the approbation of a number of persons as innholders and victuallers.

It being represented to the Board that, the making a dam on the marsh at the west side of the Neck would injure the grass for the present season Mr. Lovering was authorized to make such a reduction in the rent as would be just and equitable.—

The Committee on Accounts were authorized to allow thirty-five dollars for the expense of music on the 5th inst.—

The Chairman was instructed to direct the police officer to order those persons who have taken stands on the streets and side walks for the purpose of selling fruit. to quit the same without delay.—

The Chairman, Mr. Shaw & Mr. Silsby were appointed a committee to ascertain the expense of an accurate survey of all the public streets, squares & alleys, and to mature a form for the record of the same, and report to the Board.—

Mr. Shaw was requested to draft a new form of license for auctioneers.

[**144.**] Boston ss. At a special Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 12th day of July 1819. — Present, Messrs, Phillips, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr, Silsby & Shaw.—

This Meeting was called in consequence of a report that Franklin Dexter Esq. had received a defamatory letter in reference to the oration delivered by him on the 5th instant in commemoration of American Independence, at the request of the Selectmen, and in pursuance of a vote of the town.—

The Board after duly considering the subject were of opinion it was highly important for them, in support of the rights and honor of the town to take some notice of said report. — It was therefore voted, that the Chairman be directed to address a note to Mr. Dexter, requesting him if any such letter had been received to lay it before this Board.—

The Chairman informed the Board, he had received a letter from James Scallan which he read a Copy of which follows viz.

Boston July 11th 1819.

Gentlemen,

I have heard that the matter contained in a letter addressed by me to Franklin Dexter Esq. (which [**145.**] he has made public) has been by some applied to those inhabitants of Boston who approved of that part of his oration relating to the moral conduct of General Jackson —this misapplication of my letter makes it necessary to declare that I did not mean to offend even one of his auditors or approvers — whilst writing I thought but of him and his remarks, to the latter of which I returned other than thanks by the same right that a majority thanked him and opposition to them had no share in my motives — It may not be improper to remark that in this affair I have acted unadvised and uninfluenced by any person on earth; and to assure you that in this addressing you I seek nothing but to counteract the efforts of those who

may wish to torture or apply my letter to any other purpose or person than what it was intended for, or to whom it was addressed.

I am respectfully your obedt. Servt.
James Scallan.—

The Selectmen
of the town of Boston.—

Whereupon it was voted, that the Chairman Messrs. Shaw & Silsby, be a committee to take the above letter, with any that may be received from Mr. Dexter into consideration and report at the next meeting of the Board what measures it would be proper for the Board to pursue.—

[**146.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 14th 1819 — Present — The whole Board.—

Mr. Shaw reported a new form of License to auctioneers, which was approved by the Board, and the Chairman directed to have some blanks printed conformable thereto.

The Chairman reported that in compliance with the orders of the Board he had addressed a note to Franklin Dexter Esq. requesting him to lay before the Board a letter said to have been addressed to him in reference to the oration delivered by him on the 5th instant, — and that Mr. Dexter in compliance with the request had inclosed him a letter signed by James Scallan, of which the following is a copy.

Barnums Hotel
Wednesday 3.o'clk.

Sir,

I consider the circumstances under which you vilified the private character of General Jackson on Monday as well as the matter contained in your remarks merit the reprobation of every person who possesses manly feelings or a proper regard for the day and occasion on which you uttered them, and having been so explicit in your opinion of him you must [**147.**] not be surprised to find one who will deal equally with you — this opinion (of mine) I have expressed publickly with a view that it might reach you which I expected would be ascertained by your notice of it, but as that has not occurred I give it to you direct, viz. In accusing General Jackson of inhumanity you uttered an *untruth* & in perverting the situation in which you were placed to pourtray the manners & principles of those who achieved the independence of their country to the vilification of one of its most distinguished defenders you pursued a course opposite of what I consider honourable or manly—

If you wish to know who I am ask Col. Brooke at Mr. Delanoe's and if you wish to find me call or send to Barnums' Hotel Marlboro' Street.

I am &
James Scallan

Franklin Dexter Esq
Boston.

The Chairman also reported.that the committee appointed on the 12th. instant had attended the duty assigned them, and asked leave to report, — That in their opinion the letter addressed to Franklin Dexter Esq. is a direct and daring violation of the rights and liberties of the community; and therefore highly necessary and proper for this Board to notice it. — They therefore recommend that a letter (of which the following [**148.**] is a copy) be addressed to the Hon. Secretary of War of the United States, which letter being read was unanimously accepted, and ordered that the Chairman sign the same in behalf of the Board and forward it, with the copies mentioned therein by mail to the Hon. Secretary of War at Washington.

Hon John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War.
Sir

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston beg leave to address you, on a subject deeply interesting to the rights and honor of the town. — It may perhaps not be unknown to you, that this town, in its corporate capacity and usually in connection with the executive government of the Commonwealth, has been accustomed from an early period of our Revolutionary War, to celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of independence as a day of national rejoicing. — Among other observances, suited to the character of a free people, and adapted to the nature and dignity of the occasion, the town has by vote, directed the Selectmen to appoint some, one of its accomplished citizens to deliver an oration, upon the character & principles of the revolution, calculated to cherish a proud and grateful recollection of its distinguished events, and [**149.**] to maintain and perpetuate in the hearts of the people a steady adherence to its pure & illustrious principles.

On the late recurrence of our national anniversary, this Board in conformity with the vote of the town appointed Franklin Dexter Esq., a gentleman distinguished as a scholar and civilian, son of the late Hon Samuel Dexter to deliver the annual oration, at a public meeting, at which the executive government of the state were pleased to unite with the government and citizens of the town; of the merits and character of that production, which has been since printed, and of which we take leave to forward you a copy, it is not at present necessary to say any thing. — Soon after the delivery of the oration,

and before its publication, a report was circulated that Mr. Dexter had received a *defamatory* letter from an officer of the army of the United States written with the obvious design of drawing him into a personal contest, in consequence of some opinions expressed or supposed to have been expressed by him in the discharge of his public duty, and at which the person in question thought proper to take offence—

Believing that such an attack from such a quarter, was in every respect more offensive and injurious to the public than to the individual, and viewing it as a direct and *daring* violation of the rights [**150.**] and liberties of the community, this Board thought proper to make inquiry on the subject and for that purpose addressed a note to Mr. Dexter to ascertain the fact, whether any such communication had been received by him, and if so, requesting him to lay it before them — In pursuance of this request Mr. Dexter transmitted a letter purporting to be addressed to him and to be signed by James Scallan, a copy of which is enclosed. — upon further inquiry this Board were informed that Mr. Scallan, is an officer with the rank of lieutenant in the army of the United States.

It is but an act of justice to Col. Brooke to whom the letter refers, to say that he entirely disavowed all previous knowledge of the transaction. — The letter itself speaks a language too clear to be misunderstood. — This plain narration of facts seems to require few remarks — had such a letter been addressed to a public orator, by an individual, deriving no importance but from his personal character, it would have been considered as we hope by the orator himself, certainly by this Board, too unimportant to require notice. — But emanating as it does from a man bearing a military commission under the United States, founded on the offensive and alarming assumption that any military officer has a right to [**151.**] call a citizen to account, for any expression of opinions, relative to the conduct of a military chief, upon an interesting public occasion and in discharge of a public duty, thereby impairing, and if submitted to, destroying all freedom of opinion and right of public discussion, it assumes a character of more importance.

It will be obvious by a reference to the oration itself how entirely unfounded the construction is, which is put upon it, by the letter in question. — But without reference to that question, had it turned wholly upon an examination of the merits & conduct of any officer, the principles applicable to it would have been the same. — If there is any one of the rights and privileges of the American people more dearly cherished, more uniformly and strenuously asserted and maintained during our revolutionary contest more firmly fixed and established by the result of that contest, more essential to the very foundation of our whole system of popular government, than any other, it is the right of free, manly & liberal discussion of the measures and principles, the conduct and opinions of all per-

sons, of whatever rank or station, civil or military, holding offices or places of authority under the national or state governments. — This is a privilege too well established and too valuable to be questioned or invaded. — Without it, public opinion, which now [**152.**] acts with so much energy, and on the whole with so much utility, would be little more than the mercenary applause or the turbulent clamor of an ignorant and degraded populace. — We might indeed continue to celebrate our national anniversary with splendid, but idle parade; and persons perhaps might be found, spiritless enough to address their countrymen in a tone sufficiently humble and subdued. — But such a celebration, by deviating from its character and losing sight of its object, would lose all its dignity and all its usefulness. — Instead of cherishing the virtues, enlightening the views, animating the hopes & invigorating the energies of freemen, it would serve only to show how widely we had departed, in all these respects from the principles of our ancestors. — Instead of inspiring a liberal, ardent and elevated love of country, it would exhibit our country in a state too degenerate and degraded, to command either respect or affection. — These remarks may perhaps appear to be more extended than the particular occasion would seem to warrant. — The attempt of an individual military officer to control the expression of public opinion, may appear too feeble to excite much indignation or alarm. — Were it to stand alone, unattended [**153.**] by injurious consequences, it certainly would be so. — But examples are dangerous, and single abuses, obtain from acquiescence, something of the force, and sanction of precedents, and hence the importance of repressing the first efforts of injurious design.

We can say with great sincerity, that we have not for a moment entertained the belief that so direct an encroachment on the liberties of the people will receive sanction or countenance from the government which we respect. — We have been unwilling, by any hasty appeal to the public, to excite an altercation between the army of the United States, and its citizens, which might be derogatory to the honor and prejudicial to the interests of both. — We have considered the unwarrantable conduct of Lieut. Scallan, as deriving all its character and importance, from the circumstance of his holding a military commission under the government of the United States, and have therefore thought it a fit case to lay before his superiors in command, for their consideration.—

We therefore, Sir, submit this plain and exact statement of the case to you, as Head of the Department of War, and through you to the President of the United States, as Commander in Chief of its military forces, in the full confidence that it will receive such notice and attention as its character demands, and [**154.**] that such measures will be adopted respecting it, as will in some measure do justice, to an injured community, and tend to deter others from similar attempts.—

Since this subject has been under discussion, a letter has been received from Lieut. Scallan, a copy of which is enclosed. — This Board however cannot perceive that the matter contained therein, does in any respect alter the grounds already taken by them.

By order & in behalf of the Selectmen,

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obt. Servt.

Turner Phillips Chairman.

Boston July 15th. 1819.—

The committee also reported, that in their opinion the letter addressed to the Board signed by James Scallan did not require any reply — which report was also accepted.—

Application having been made by Mr. John Hoch to the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, stating that James Ross of Boston in non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of himself, the Board agreeably to the [**155.**] direction of the Hon. Judge of Probate took inquisition thereof and were of opinion that the said James Ross was non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of himself, & a certificate to that effect was signed, requesting that a guardian might be appointed for him.—

A certificate was signed by the Board that Thomas Williston a native of the town of Boston, a minor fifteen years of age is deaf & dumb, that he has no parents or guardian — that he has no property and unable to defray the expense of board & instruction at the Asylum at Hartford.—

The Chairman Messrs. Austin & Dorr were appointed a committee to pass on the renewal of the licenses of those retailers of spirits against whom there had been no complaint, recommending to the committee to place the names of those retailers who they had reason to believe were in the habit of selling liquor to be drank in their shops or places of business on the list of victuallers.—

Messrs. Lovering & Austin reported a list of watchmen for the north & south watch, which was accepted.—

The application of Edward Haynes for payment for land said to be taken from him some years since to widen Elm street, was referred to the Committee of Section No. 2.

[**156.**] A complaint that Mr. Jeremiah Bulfinch had encroached on Mill Pond street was referred to the Committee of Section No. 1.—

A request from a number of citizens, that the Board would not grant licenses to auctioneers to sell contiguous to the Market — was read. —

The Committee of Section No. 2 were requested to ascertain the cost of paving Myrtle street.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, Wednesday July 21. 1819. Present the whole Board except Mr. Hunnewell.

The committee appointed to pass on the renewal of licenses to innholders, retailers &c. &c. reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them and had conformably to the recommendation of the Board, placed the names of those persons that were formerly licensed as retailers and who they were satisfied had violated the law of the Commonwealth for the due regulations of licensed houses by selling strong or mixed liquors to be drank in their places of business, on the return as victuallers; the committee regretted to add that many persons were dissatisfied with this proceedure [**157.**] they (the committee) therefore requested the Board would again take the subject into consideration and express some decisive opinion thereon. — The Board after recurring to the law of the Commonwealth passed February 25th. 1787. for the due regulation of licensed houses were of opinion they could not (consistent with veracity) return those persons who had not conformed to the laws and regulations respecting licensed persons. It was therefore voted unanimously that the committee appointed to act upon the renewal of licenses be instructed, that no certificate or approbation be granted to any person heretofore licensed as a retailer, unless upon inquiry the committee are satisfied it is the intention of such applicant strictly to comply with that part of the law which prohibits licensed persons entertaining, or suffering any person to drink strong liquors, or mixed liquors, in their shops, houses and dependences.

The Committee of Section No. 2 reported they had inquired the cost of paving Myrtle street and found it could be done at 75–100 pr. yard.

This being the time assigned for licensing auctioneers for the year ensuing and as great complaints have been made to the Board against the conduct of some of the auctioneers near the market it was deemed necessary previous to their appointment to pass the following vote

Voted, that no license be granted to any person to have, keep or occupy any office, to sell [**158.**] at public vendure or outcry any goods or chattels, in Market Square, Dock Square, Merchants Row, State street, Ann street and the passages leading from Market Square to Ann street or any of the wharves.

The Board then licensed the following named persons as auctioneers for the year ensuing.

— Viz.—

Samuel L. Abbot	No. 21 Central wharf
James A. Allen	No. 23 Long wharf
Stephen Brown	Exchange street
Lemuel Blake	5 Kilby street
George Bond	2 Kilby street
John A. Bacon	13 Central wharf
William S. Brooks	2 Kilby street
Thomas Bordman	102 Fish street
Lucius Q. C. Bowles	59 Cornhill
Joseph Burns	Water street
James Bourguin	8 Fish street
Thomas Clark	
George C. Channing	No. 8 Kilby street
William Cochran	Merchants Hall
Samuel F. Coolidge	36 India street
Joseph L. Cunningham	5 Kilby street
Gilman Collamore	7 Kilby street
Derastus Clap	16 Essex street
George W. Clark	15 Central wharf
John Cassell	3 & 4 Fish street
William Dehon	20 Kilby street
Charles Dexter	3 Kilby street
Jeremiah Draper	2 & 3 Liberty sqr.
[159.] Richard Edwards	No. 85 Court street
Thomas English	Merchants Hall
William Gridley Jun	16 Exchange street
Stephen Gibson	14 Broad street
Reuben W. Gerry	5 Lendells Lane
Joseph W. Geyer	4 Doane street
Silas Field	88 Prince street
Caleb Hayward	
David Hale Jur.	7 Kilby street
John M. Holbrook	3 Kilby street
Darius Holbrook	" Do.
Daniel Hearsey	1 Kilby street
William Hartwell	17 Exchange street
Timothy Hathaway	58 Newbury street
John Minehin	5 Lindells Lane
Thomas K. Jones	20 Kilby street
John Jutau	19 Newbury street
Ephraim Lock	1 Long wharf
David Marston	34 Central wharf
George Milns	1 Adams street
Elisha Parks	19 Kilby street
Luther Parks	6 Kilby street

Jacob Peabody	12 Kilby street
John Perkins	25 Fish street
George Noble	16 Long wharf
Joseph Ripley	India street
Frink Roberts	14 Court street
Benjamin Seaver	2 Kilby street
Frink Stratton	9 No. Russell St.
Augustus Storey	15 Kilby street
Nehemiah Somes	No. 1 Phillips Building
John Tyler	9 Central wharf
William Tucker	37 Central wharf
Samuel Whitwell	2 Kilby street
Benjamin Winslow	8 Kilby street
Nathl. H. Whitaker	48 Cornhill
Francis Wilby	9 Kilby street
Stillman Willis	8 Court street
Ferdinand E. White	18 Long wharf
Henry White	12 Prince street
David Williams	60 Cornhill
Samuel G. Williams	
Thomas C. Williams	101 & 102 Court street

[**160.**] The following named persons were appointed constables for the ensuing year, provided they obtain such bondsmen as should be approved by the Board viz.

Constables.	Sureties.
Elisha Copeland	John Perry & John Gibson
James Perkins	James Williams & Henry Lane
Solomon Twist	Amos Penniman & Jos. Hiscock
Wm. Tupper	Alfred Tupper & John Drayton
Wm. Brooks	Moses Wallach & Saml. Hastings
Jona. Prescott	Robt. Barber, Jno. Barnard & Robt. Cunningham
Geo. Reed	Francis Garraux & Geo. Reed Junr.
Wm. Dinsmore	Jos. Haven, Edmd. Munroe, Jno. Williams & John W. Folsom
Thos. Holden	Augt. O. Barton & Oliver Downing
Wendel R. Barker	Saml. Whitcomb & John Mead
Andrew Sanborn	Enoch Patterson & Hugh R. Kendall
Samuel Holmes	James Farrar & Jos. Harrington
David Rixford	Wm. P. Whiting & Ephm Whitney
Josiah Baldwin	Peter Mackintosh & Nathl. Emmes
Thomas Wallace	Daniel Sargent & Ignatius Sargent
Horatio Bass	Henry Bass & George Bass —
Elisha V. Glover	Danl Baxter & Edwd. Prescott
Job Drew	John R. Gould & Thos. Redman
Jesse Churchill	Robt. Bacon & Jesse Brown
Jason Bramin	Aaron Bean & Jos. Jenkins
Henry Davis	John Clark & Step Thayer
Jona Ames	
Elisha Smith	John Roulstone & Alexr. Parris
Ebenezer Shute	

[**161.**] The committee of Section No. 1 requested further time to report respecting the encroachment of Jeremiah Bulfinch on Mill pond street.

The Committee of Section No. 2 requested further time to report on the demand of Edward Haynes for land said to be taken from him to widen Elm street.

The application of Mr. Jno. Bellows that the town would pay a part of the expense for paving Sheafe lane was taken into consideration.

The Board were unanimously of opinion as Mason street was paved the last season on the express condition that Sheafe lane was to be paved without any expense to the town (which is acknowledged by Mr. Bellows they could not with propriety comply with the request.

The Chairman informed that Washington Monroe had prosecuted the person who had hired of the Clerk of the Market a stand on Dock Square for the purpose of selling lemons &c and that trial was to be had before Justice Simmons tomorrow at 4 o clock, the Board directed that Mr. Parker be employed to defend this action.

A certificate was signed by the Board that Lawrence Dowran a foreigner who has resided in the town with his family about 18 months, has a son named Edward seven years old who is deaf & dumb, and that from evidence that has been adduced to the Board they are satisfied he is unable to defray the expense of board and instruction for said child at the Asylum in Hartford.

[**162.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Thursday July 29th 1819. — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin & Bass.—

Passed the monthly accounts.

The committee of Section No. 1. not being ready to report on the subject of the encroachment of Jeremiah Bulfinch, further time was allowed for that purpose.—

The committee of Section No. 2. not being present, no report was made on the subject of Edward Haynes' demand for land taken to widen Elm street.—

The Chairman reported that the prosecution brought by Washington Munroe against the person who had hired a stand on Dock Square was not sustained.

The Chairman reported, that a note of which the following is a copy, had been addressed to Franklin Dexter Esq. — viz. —

July 19th, 1819.—

Franklin Dexter Esq.

Sir

The Selectmen of Boston have received your note, complying with their request, and enclosing a letter purporting to be addressed to you by Mr. James Scallan [**163.**] This Board have considered the contents of said letter as a direct invasion of the rights and liberties of the community, which the public are peculiarly and imperiously called upon to vindicate; — they therefore propose to retain the same for the purpose of adopting and pursuing such measures as the rights and honor of the town appear to them to require.—

By order of the Selectmen

very respectfully

your Obed't. Servt.

Turner Phillips Chairman.

To which the Chairman had received the following reply.—

Boston July 23d, 1819.—

Sir

Absence from town has hitherto prevented my acknowledging the honor of your note of the 19th. instant.—

The letter in question is entirely at the disposal of the Selectmen.

very respectfully I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most Obt. Servt.

Franklin Dexter.

Turner Phillips Esq.
Chairman of the Selectmen.

Return was made by the Chairman (one of the committee of the market) that he had examined the accounts of the Clerk of the Market, for the quarter ending the 24th instant, the [**164.**] whole amount of which is $2285.41-100 dollars, which he had ordered paid to the treasurer.

The following persons were this day licensed as auctioneers — viz

Lucius Q. C. Bowles	Office at No. 59 Cornhill
Benjamin Tucker	office 23 School St.
Jeremiah Draper	5 Lendels Lane.

The application of David Hinckley and Luther Ellis for payment for land said to be taken from them for Blossom street, laid out by the Selectmen as a street December 10th. 1817 — was referred to the Chairman Messrs. Hunewell & Shaw.—

The proposal of Mr. John M. Dearborn to water that part of the market, that is swept on Tuesdays & Fridays, at 5 dollars each day was not acceded to by the Board.

The Chairman reported that the deed of land for a market place at South Boston had been executed by Mr. John Hawes, which, with the deed for the upper story of the south school house had been sent to the Register of Deeds to be placed on record.—

The Chairman reported, that two copies of the by-laws and orders of the town had been bound conformably to a vote of the Board, of the 19th May last, & transmitted to the Hon. Daniel Stevens Intendant of the City of Charleston, by the Brig Adeline, John Atwood, Master.

[165.] A Communication from the Board of Health stating that a nuisance was caused by conveying the water from the streets through a drain under Merchants Hall, requesting that a committee might be appointed on the part of this Board to meet & confer with a committee of their Board on the subject complained of; Messrs. Oliver, Hunewell & Bass were appointed on the part of this Board.—

On the application of James Shed, and for permission to stand with their one horse carts in Central street, — voted, that the subject be referred to the police officer authorizing him to permit them to stand in that part of Central street east of Broad street during the pleasure of the Board, provided the persons occupying stores in that street do not object.—

[166.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday 4th. August 1819. Present Mess. Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Shaw.

The committee of Section No. 1 not being ready to report on the subject of the encroachment on Mill pond street by Jeremiah Bulfinch, further time was allowed.

Mr. Dorr of the committee of Section No. 2 being out of town further time was allowed for said committee to report on the subject of Edward Haynes demand.

The committee to whom was referred the application of David Hinckley and Luther Ellis, were, for reasons stated by the committee, allowed further time to report.

The remonstrance of Thos. L. Winthrop & others against the vote of the Board restricting the sale of goods by auction in Market square &c was read. The Board after duly considering the matter were of opinion it was not expedient to revoke their vote on the subject.—

A petition from all the owners of estates on Union street praying that no license [**167.**] may be granted for the sale of goods by public auction on that street was presented and read.

Certificates were signed that Mrs. Nancy Gowan, Widow, an inhabitant of this town has a daughter named Nancy aged 7 years that is deaf & dumb. That Priscilla Norris a native of this Commonwealth & residing in this town has a daughter named Sally 22 years old who is deaf & dumb. And that a Hannah Delger a native of this town has a son named Henry Augustus, aged 7 years who is deaf & dumb and that from evidence that has been adduced to this Board they are satisfied the said Nancy, Priscilla, and Hannah are unable to defray the expense of board and instruction for their said children at the Asylum in Hartford.

Mess. George Milns and Joseph Burns were licensed auctioneers.

Mr. Hunnewell, committee of the Hay Scales reported, that he had examined the Hay weigher's account for the quarter ending the 1st July last which he had found correct, the balance 99.14100 dollars, the Chairman had ordered paid to the Treasurer.

[**168.**] An application from a number of citizens that Proctors lane & Richmond street might be paved the present season was agreed to and the committee for that section were requested to have it done.

It being represented to the Board that Temple street was in very bad order, the Chairman & Mr. Shaw were requested to view & report.

Return was made by Benjamin Harris of the expense of lowering and repairing the common shore in Leverett street which was assessed on the proprietors.

The inhabitants owning or occupying estates in Myrtle street having subscribed $308, it was voted to pave that part or portion of the street lying west of Belknap street on condi-

tion that the amount subscribed was paid previous to the pavement being commenced.—

The application of Mr. John Proctor in behalf of his deaf & dumb daughter, that the Board would grant the certificate required by the resolve of the legislature of this Commonwealth respecting deaf & dumb persons was referred to Mr. Shaw.

[**169.**] Boston ss. At A Meeting of the Selectmen, Wednesday August 11. 1819, Present Mess: Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Bass, Silsby & Shaw.

The committee of Sections No. 1. 2 & 3 were allowed further time to report on the subjects of the encroachments of Jeremiah Bulfinch, the demand of Edward Haynes and the demand of David Hinckley & Luther Ellis.—

The Chairman and Mr. Shaw reported that conformably to the orders of the Board they had viewed Temple street and found it in a very bad state. The repairs of this street with the repairs of other streets were referred to the next meeting of the Board. In the intervening time the committee of the several sections were requested to ascertain the amount already expended in paving and repairing the streets.

Mr. Shaw to whom was referred the application of Mr. John Proctor in behalf of his deaf & dumb child made the following report which was accepted vizt.

Selectmens Room Aug: 11. 1819.

On the application of Mr. John Proctor in behalf of his deaf & dumb daughter. I am of opinion that as the resolve stands this Board cannot with propriety grant [**170.**] the certificate requested; the resolution provides only for deaf & dumb persons "belonging to this Commonwealth" and the certificate must be given by the Selectmen of the "town where the parent or guardian of such deaf & dumb person resides." Mr. Proctor the parent applying cannot in my opinion, be truly said to reside in Boston, even if there were no difficulty in the other part as to the daughter herself belonging here I think however if the daughter herself was now to return to this town & some person residing here to assume the guardianship of her, which might be done, the certificate might be granted which is Respectfully

Submitted
Lem. Shaw.

The Chairman reported that complaint having been made to him that by the order of Mr. Samuel Spear certain persons were digging away Summer street so as to make it dangerous

for carriages to pass, that he, the Chairman with Mr. Shaw had viewed the ground and were of opinion Mr. Spear was trespassing on the public street and that he the Chairman with the concurrence of Mr. Shaw had forbidden the workmen to proceed any further. [**171.**] That he with Mr. Shaw then proceeded to the Registers office and examined the deed from the Town to Hancock, which confirmed their opinion, Mr. Shaw further reported on this subject that he had examined the partition deeds, between the heirs of Hancock which was a further confirmation of the correctness of their opinion. The proceedings on this subject met the entire approbation of the Board.

Mess. Joel Shipley and James Page having made proposals to pave Myrtle street it was voted that they be employed to pave that street on the following conditions, that they be allowed sixty six ⅔ cents for every square yard and twenty dollars in addition thereto for extra digging &c, the town to know of no other expense & that the town would allow them one shilling for each and every load of dirt they shall deliver on the Common. That they take & collect at their own risk the sum subscribed amounting to three hundred and eight dollars in part payment and give bonds with good & sufficient sureties to make or cause to be made any repairs that may be necessary on said street for the space of five years.—

The committee of the Market were authorized to have gutters put at the north and south sides of the roof of the market house.

The Chairman was directed to Notify Mr. [**172.**] William Burgis to attend on Thursday next to answer to a charge exhibited against the driver of his hackney carriage No 24 for demanding more than lawful fare.

The committees of the several sections to whom was referred the application for licenses in their respective sections, reported a list of such as in their opinion were suitable to be licensed; Report accepted and those persons approbated.—

The Chairman communicated a letter he he had received from Jedediah Herrick, Sheriff, of the County of Penobscot enclosing a warrant for a county tax on Township No 5 in the ninth range, of $11.10 the Chairman was requested to transmit the amount of the tax by some conveyance.

The committee of the Franklin school were authorized to have a gutter placed on the sides of the roof of that school house.—

A certificate was signed that Jannett Fullerton an inhabitant

of this town has a son named Alexander aged 15 years that is deaf & dumb, and that from evidence that has been adduced to this Board they are satisfied she is unable to defray the expense of his board and instruction at the Asylum in Hartford.—

[**173.**] On the application of the company of youths for permission to fire in the streets or on the Common — The Board were of opinion they had no power to dispense with the law on this subject.

A memorial or remonstrance was received from 40 citizens owning or occupying estates in Cornhill complaining of the grievance of having the high way before their shops and stores incumbered by horses and carts from the country; ordered to remain on the files for the consideration of the Board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 19th 1819 — Present Messers. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.—

The Committee of Section No. 1 was allowed further time to report on the encroachment of J. Bulfinch.

The Committee of Section No. 2 were authorized to offer one hundred dollars to Mr. Edward Haynes as a full compensation for land taken from him some time since to widen Elm street.—

The committee to whom was referred [**174.**] the application of David Hinckley & Luther Ellis for payment for land said to be taken for Blossom street, were allowed further time to report on that subject.

The committee appointed on the part of this Board conformably to a vote of the town of the 21st June last.— Reported, that they had, in conjunction with a committee of the Board of Health, proceeded to South Boston and viewed the burial ground located in that section of the town by the commissioners, and were unanimously of opinion it was not necessary for the town to make any addition thereto — which report was unanimously accepted.—

The Chairman reported, that Messrs. Joel Shipley & James Page had agreed to pave Myrtle street on the conditions proposed by the Board.

Mr. Burgess appeared to answer to the complaint against the driver of one of his carriages for demanding more than legal fare, Mr. B. denying the fact and the complainant not

appearing to substantiate the charge the further consideration of the subject was deferred.—

The Chairman reported that in compliance with the direction of the Board he had transmitted $11.\frac{10}{100}$ dollars to Jedediah Herrick [**175.**] Sheriff of the County of Penobscot, for the county tax on township of land No 5. belonging to this Town.—

The Chairman & Mr. Lovering were appointed a committee to advertise that proposals would be received for supplying the oil necessary for the town lamps for the ensuing season.—

The Chairman reported, that having been informed that the fence enclosing a small strip of land at the south end of Hawkins street was down, and that a new fence was erecting, and being also informed that the piece of land was used as a deposit for manure from the stable, & for the purpose of keeping hogs, which was so offensive to the inhabitants residing near the place, as to compel them to complain to the Board of Health: —and being of opinion the public good required that, that piece of land should be taken to widen that part of the street (which was the narrowest part) he had forbid the workmen from proceeding with the fence, until the meeting of the Board — The Board having a knowledge of the situation of the land, and agreeing in opinion with the Chairman, approved of his proceedings, and authorized the Committee of Section No. 2, to whom the Chairman was added, to take the land for the purpose of widening Hawkins street, and to inform Mr. Sullivan that a reasonable compensation would be made therefor.—

[**176.**] Mr. John Cassell was licensed as an auctioneer, his place of business at No. 3. Boylston Square.

An estimate being laid before the Board of the cost of resevoirs & drains for conveying the water that runs down Walnut & part of Belknap streets under ground to the Frog Pond.— It was voted that the Chairman be instructed to inform Mr. D. P. Parker that the Board had taken the subject under consideration, and being of opinion that the object of carrying the water that comes down those streets under ground to the Frog pond was very desirable, had authorized him to say they would pay on the part of the Town five hundred dollars when the reservoirs and drains were completed to the satisfaction of the Board.—

A complaint from the inhabitants of South Boston against the conduct of the United States troops stationed there was communicated to the Board, whereupon it was voted, that the Chairman be instructed to wait on Gen. Porter with the

complaint and request the grievance complained of may be immediately attended to, and prevented in future.

[**177.**] Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen August 21st. 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Dorr, Silsby & Shaw.

The Chairman informed the Board he had called them together to consult and determine what measures it was necessary to adopt relative to Sumner street (see the report made by the Chairman the 19th. instant) — he now informed the Board the state of the street being such as to make it dangerous to citizens who might be passing through it; — he had deemed it necessary to send the police officer to Mr. Spear with notice of the state of the street, and to inform him he must be answerable for any damage that might be sustained in consequence thereof.— That the police officer reported, he had performed the duty assigned him and had received from Mr. Spear the answer "that the men who dug up the street had gone contrary to his directions, and therefore did not consider himself responsible for any damage that might ensue." — The Board after duly considering the subject, voted, that the Chairman be instructed to send for Mr. Whitney, whose men had committed the trespass, and order him to fill up the street immediately, or a prosecution would commence against him or them.—

[Note. — Pages 178, 179 and 180 are blank in the book.]

[**181.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Thursday, August 26, 1819; Present the whole Board except Mr. Dorr.

The Chairman informed the Board that Mr. Dorr (of the committee of Section No. 2) previous to his leaving town had reported, that, conformable to the vote of the Board he had informed Mr. Haynes that the Board were willing to allow him $100 as a full compensation for the land taken from him some years since to widen Elm & Brattle streets, which, after Mr. Haynes refused to accept, that he Mr. Dorr informed Mr. Haynes if he would give the names of 6 persons as referees and the Board should approve of three of them he presumed they would consent that those three should decide what sum he should be paid by the town. The Board decided as Mr. Dorr was absent that the subject be deferred until his return.

The Chairman reported that the carpenter previous to proceeding to making the gutters for the Market House had examined the roof of the building, which was found in so bad a state as to require new covering. The Board after making

the enquiries necessary on this subject were of opinion that the roof would answer until another season without subjecting the building to any essential damage, and considering also the cost of a new covering [**182.**] would be great, for which there was no appropriation, directed the Chairman to suspend any further proceedings on this subject.

The committee appointed to view Hawkins street & determine what portion of the land should be taken from an estate under the agency of Geo. Sullivan Esqr. to widen that street, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them and marked out the quantity of land that they deem necessary. The Chairman further reported on this subject that he was of opinion civility required Mr. Sullivan should be informed of the doings of the committee and in concurrence with them fix on some mode for ascertaining the compensation to be made by the town; that with this view of the subject he had called on Mr. Sullivan, and to his great surprise was informed by him that notwithstanding he at first consented that the land should be taken, yet he had since had a plan taken of the estate and the streets adjacent and should now withdraw his assent and oppose it as being not necessary for the public convenience and very injurious to the interest of his wards, that if the Board persisted in taking the land, he must insist on being heard on the subject and should oppose it in every stage. The Board after considering the subject were of opinion the land in question tho' it would be a convenience [**183.**] to the public in widening the entrance to Hawkins street, yet it was not absolutely *necessary* at present, and therefore instructed the Chairman to inform Mr. Sullivan they had relinquished the design of taking the land.

The committee appointed to advertise that proposals would be received for supplying oil for the town lamps, reported they had performed the duty assigned them.

The Chairman communicated a letter he had this day received from the Honble. Secretary of War of the United States, enclosing a copy of a letter to Lieut. Scallan, which was referred to Mr. Shaw, to consider and report at the next meeting of the Board what part if any, of the correspondence with the Secretary of War respecting the conduct of Lieut. Scallan should be published.

The Chairman informed the Board that he had been served with notice from Mr. Silas Field that he shall apply to the Hon. Court of Sessions on the 31st inst to be licensed as an auctioneer at No. 18 Merchants row (which had previously been referred by the Board) The subject was referred to Mr. Shaw, to whom the Chairman was added to make such opposition as they may think proper either by personal attendance or remonstrance.

The committee consisting of the Chairman Messrs. Silsby & Shaw appointed to consider and report a suitable mode of recording [**184.**] all the streets, lanes, alleys, courts, places, slips, &c belonging to the town have attended the duty assigned them and, report, that in their opinion this is a subject of very considerable importance & for the want of such a record the town has sustained many losses. That an imperfect description of the streets &c &c may lead to errors, litigations & losses, to avoid which and have a record as perfect as possible your committee were of opinion it was necessary to employ some person or persons to take a complete plan of each street &c &c as they now are; many alterations having been made in those that are on record) to obtain this desirable object your committee applied to Messrs. William Taylor & John G. Hale who have named their terms which are now presented for the consideration of the Board — The committee would observe altho' they demand $826 they are willing to perform the duty for seven hundred dollars.

The committee would recommend that the surveyors be furnished with paper suitable for the purpose, which shall be bound into a book or books, that a plan of each street &c be taken on one leaf, with a description of the plan on the opposite leaf and a blank leaf left to record any additions or alterations that may hereafter take place.

[**185.**] The above report was unanimously accepted and the Committee authorized to contract with Messrs. Taylor & Hales, that they shall be paid seven hundred dollars by the town when the business is completed to the satisfaction of the Board.

Messrs. Lovering & Austin were appointed a committee to procure a suitable person for superintendent of the lamps for the ensuing season.

The memorial from a number of citizens owning or occupying stores in Cornhill was again taken into consideration, and it being suggested, if the clerk of the market was directed to order the horses or other cattle taken from the carts or other vehicles, belonging to persons from the country, who occupy stands in that street, for the purpose of disposing of produce from the country the grievance complained of would be diminished. — It was therefore ordered. That the Chairman be instructed to direct the clerk of the market or police officer to order all those persons who occupy stands in Cornhill or Market street for the purpose of selling the produce of the country, to have their horses or other cattle taken from their carts or other vehicles and sent out of the street.

[**186.**] Voted, that the Chairman be instructed not to receive any new application for license for selling spiritous liquors from and after this day.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 1st, 1819 — Present, Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.—

Passed the quarterly & monthly accounts.

7 Jurors were drawn for the United States District Court.

Proposals for supplying eleven hundred gallons summer strained sperm oil for the town lamps were received from Messrs. Jos. P — Bradlee & William Lovering Junr. — the latter gentleman offering to supply it at the lowest rate; his proposals were accepted.

The Chairman reported that a communication had been sent to the Court of Sessions stating the reasons that had induced the Board to refuse licensing auctioneers to sell near the market; — and also requesting the Hon. Court would not grant the application of Silas Field for a license to sell by public vendue at No. 18. Merchants Row.

[**187.**] Messrs. Lovering & Austin not having determined on a suitable person to superintend the lamps; — Mr. Hayward was requested to attend to that business for the present.—

Mr. David Williams was licensed as an auctioneer, his place of business in the chambers of house No. 60 Cornhill.

Mr. Henry White was licensed auctioneer, his place of business No. 12 Prince street.

The committee of Section No. 2. to whom the Chairman was added, were authorized to have such parts of Temple street paved as they may think necessary to secure that street.

The committee of Section No. 2. were authorized to make such repairs in Ann street as they may think necessary.—

It being represented to the Board that Mr. David Hinckley was extending the foundation for a fence to his building on Beacon & Somerset streets beyond the limits heretofore prescribed by the Board; — it was agreed by the gentlemen present to meet on the ground tomorrow at 11. o'clock A. M. to view the same.—

[**188.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday Sept. 8th, 1819. Present, Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Austin, Bass & Dorr.—

The Chairman & Mr. Dorr reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them respecting Temple street, & were

of opinion, that to prevent the destruction of the street it was necessary to pave across the head of the street & also two gutters, that if this only was done, the abutters were not compelled to put down edge stones & make the side walks, consequently there would be no support for the gutters & they would be liable to be torn up; in addition to which they considered the gutters would constitute one third of the width of the street, which must be taken up & consequently lost when the street was paved which must shortly be done; They had therefore given orders to have the upper half [of] the street paved. — They also reported that Messrs Hart & Tuttle had offered to pave the remainder of the street & wait for their pay for this till next year. — The report of the committee was accepted and Mr. Dorr authorized to have the whole street paved on the conditions offered by Messrs Hart & Tuttle. — The Board agreeably to assignment met on the 2nd inst. at Beacon street & having viewed the foundation of the fence erecting by Mr. Hinckley on Beacon & Somersett streets, instructed the chairman to notify Mr Hinckley to stay all further proceedings on the fence until the further order of the Board. — The Chairman informed that he had notified Mr. Hinckley & had received a note from him in reply which he read. The Board after maturely considering the subject were of opinion as there would be width, after the side walks were laid, for two carriages to pass, it was not absolutely necessary to widen Somersett street, & as the benefit the public would derive from the small addition that could be made to [**189.**] the street would be adequate to the sum that might be recovered of the town; it was voted, that the Chairman be instructed to confer with Mr. Hinckley on the subject, & if he (Mr. Hinckley) will agree to have the hammered stone of the fence set as near his house as the present foundation will admit & will engage that no step from the platform of the door of his house on Somersett street shall extend on the side walk, & that he make no demand on the town for any land he now has thrown into the street, the Board on these conditions consent to his completing his fence on the present foundation.

Return was received from the Brigade Major of the number of infantry in the 1st 2d & 3d. regiments. — Messrs. Lovering & Dorr were appointed a committee to purchase the powder necessary for them, & to have the cartridges made.—

The application of Solomon H. Hudson for permission to fix his apparatus for trying lard in store No. 2 Locks wharf, was referred to Messrs Lovering & Austin.

The Chairman informed that a committee from the Society worshipping in Methodist Alley had waited on him with a complaint that they were interrupted & disturbed in their

public worship of God, & requested the aid of the Board. They also requested that Mr. Henry Davis a member of their society might be appointed one of the constables of the town for the purpose of apprehending any of the disturbers.

The Board requested the Chairman to inform the committee that they were disposed to afford all the aid & assistance in their power & to this end they had complied with their request & appointed Mr. Davis a constable [**190.**] and instructed the Chairman to direct the police officer to employ one of the constables at the expence of the town to attend with him, to apprehend any person or persons who might be guilty of a breach of the law in this case, or those who were aiding & abetting others in so doing.

Mr. Jos. W. Geyer requested permission to change his place of business as an auctioneer from Doane street to No. 1 Fish street which was granted.—

The remonstrance of Wm Parmenter & Silas Collamore against paving Richmond street was referred to the committee of Section No 2.—

The application of a number of the inhabitants of this town & Roxbury to open the street heretofore laid out over the land adjoining the Neck, called Northampton street & to extend & make the same from the Neck eastward to the line of Roxbury, or Hill's Dam, was referred to Mr. Lovering with authority to carry it into effect provided the expence to the town does not exceed one hundred dollars.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Wednesday Septr. 15, 1819 — Present the whole Board except Mr. Hunewell.

The Chairman reported, that conformably to the instructions of the Board he had conferred with Mr. Hinckley respecting the fence erecting by him on Beacon & Somerset streets, that Mr. Hinckley having agreed to the conditions named by the Board, he (the Chairman) had given permission to complete the fence.—

[**191.**] Messrs. Lovering & Dorr reported, that they had purchased the quantity of powder required, and have agreed with persons to make the cartridges for the infantry of the brigade.

Messrs. Lovering & Austin, to whom was referred the application of Mr. Solomon H. Hudson reported, that the trying

lard in store proposed by Mr. Hudson would endanger the safety of the town and that the request ought not to be granted.—

Report accepted.—

The committee of section No 2 to whom was referred the remonstrance of Wm. Parmenter & Silas Collamore, reported, that they had attended the duty assigned them, and as no sufficient reason had been assigned to stop the paving the street, they had directed the workmen to proceed — Report accepted—

Mr. Lovering to whom was referred the application to open and extend Northampton street, requested further time to report on that subject, which was granted.—

Application having been made by Doctr. Asa Bullard to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, stating that Rebecca Parrot of Boston widow is a lunatic, non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of herself. — The Board conformably to the direction of the Hon: [**192.**] Judge of Probate took in question thereof and were of opinion that the said Rebecca Parrot was incapable of taking care of herself.—

Major Samuel Curtis was chosen superintendent of the lamps, during the pleasure of the Board.—

The Chairman informed, that having received information that depredations had been made on Broad Way at South Boston by James Malone and others, he had directed the police officer to request Mr. Hales to accompany him to that place and ascertain the fact; that the police officer had reported the street had been dug away 19 feet on the length & 13 feet into the width of the street, as fully appears by the sketch taken by Mr. Hales. — The Board directed the Chairman to notify Mr. Malone if the damage was not repaired by Wednesday next he would be prosecuted.

Mr. Dorr was requested to make another effort to settle with Mr. Haynes, for the land taken from him to widen Elm street, and to effect this, he was authorised to offer him any sum not exceeding three dollars pr. square foot for the land taken.

Mr. Shaw was requested to desire the Solicitor General to advise & consult with Mr. Whitman respecting the suit brought by this Board on behalf of the town, for rights in the Town Dock.

[**193.**] The Chairman communicated a note from Wm. Donnison Esq. chairman of the sub committee for erecting a new prison, requesting a meeting of the whole committee on Monday next at 3 o'clock.—

The Board voted to attend —

Mr. Shaw to whom was referred a letter from the Secretary of War of the United States enclosing a copy of a letter to Lieut. Scallan & who was also requested to consider and report what part, if any, of the correspondence with the Secretary of War, respecting the conduct of Lieut Scallan should be published; reported that in his opinion it was not necessary, or advisable to publish any part thereof, but that the whole proceedings and correspondence be transcribed into a book and subject to the perusal of the citizens.
Report accepted.—

The following are copies of the letters above mentioned.—

Department of War
21st. Augst. 1819—

Sir

On the return of the President, I laid before him your communication of the 15th of July, with its enclosures, in relation to the conduct of Lieut. Scallan.— The great pressure of public business, after his return from his tour, preventing him from taking it up for decision until yesterday; and, by his direction, [**194.**] I enclose a copy of a letter to Lieut. Scallan, by which you will see the light in which the President views his conduct.— Although the President thinks his conduct very censurable, yet, considering that he has heretofore sustained a good character, and that the motive by which he was probably actuated was the result of excitement rather than a deliberate intention to interfere with the rights of the citizens of Boston he is not of opinion that the offence is sufficiently great to dismiss him from the service of the United States, as that would be the highest mark of displeasure which he could evince, and ought to be reserved for more aggravated offences.

The President directs me to assure the citizens of Boston, through you, that he is deeply impressed with the important truths, that the military ought to be kept strictly subordinate to the civil authority; and that the right of the citizens to express their opinions freely as to publick men and publick measures is essential to our liberty; and that this right, on the anniversary of our Independence, assumes, if possible, a more sacred character.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedt. Servt.
J. C. Calhoun.

Turner Phillips Esq.
Chairman of the Selectmen
of Boston.—

[195.] Department of War,
21st August, 1819.

Sir,

The President has duly considered the statement of facts communicated by the Selectmen of Boston with your explanations contained in your letter of the 8th Inst: to this Department, in relation to your conduct towards Franklin Dexter Esqr.; and I am directed by him, to express his decided disapprobation of your conduct.

No right is better established or more sacred than that which every citizen has to express himself freely, in relation to publick men and publick measures; and there are few occasions in which this right ought to be held more sacred than in the celebration of the anniversary of our Independence.

The oration of Mr. Dexter was delivered by appointment of the Selectmen of Boston, in conformity to the standing custom of the place, and under the sanction of the laws of the State. His oration is of the most temperate character; and even the part at which you took offence is expressed in general terms, without any necessary reference to any particular event.— Under these circumstances, your letter to him and your previous declarations, are considered by the President as highly improper.— The President in consideration of the good character which you have sustained as an officer, and under the impression, from all the circumstances of the case, that you acted rather from [196.] excitement, without due reflection, than from any deliberate intention to interfere with the rights of the citizens of Boston, confines his disapprobation of your conduct to a mere censure.—

In taking this view of your conduct, the President has not overlooked the fact, that in entering into the military service of his country, an officer still retains his character and rights as a citizen; but reason and prudence ought both to point out to him a greater caution in interfering in any shape, particularly, in that in which you have interfered, with those rights, which are purely civil.— Had you been a private citizen only, your conduct would still have been improper, but you still would have been accountable to the courts of law only; but, as an officer of the army, it is considered as still more improper and as justly meriting the displeasure of the President, as the Commander in Chief of the army.

I am Respectfully
Yr. Ob. St.
T. C. Calhoun

Lieut: James Scallan,
Boston—

[197.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday Sepr. 22nd 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Shaw.

34 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

Mr. Oliver as chairman of a committee reported, that about the 16th Ultimo in conjunction with a committee from the Board of Health they had viewed the common sewer passing under *Merchants Hall* (so called) in Milk street, of which complaints had been made to the Board of Health as a nuisance. — That it was their joint opinion in its present state, it was a nuisance and ought to be removed, or remedied — That it was the opinion of the committee this might be done by changing the course of the common sewer, but as the present owners of the estate bought it with this incumbrance, not only the expence of changing the course of the common sewer, but as the present owners of the estate bought it with this incumbrance, not only the expence of changing the course of the common sewer, but that of keeping it in repair hereafter, must be borne by the present and future owners of that estate, therefore if the course of it should be changed the owners of that estate must enter into Bonds to indemnify the town against any expense that may attend it in future.

He further reported that the joint committees had viewed Bangs's Alley which they found in so noisome a state as to convince [**198.**] them of the necessity of a common sewer through said alley to Broad street, and that they had recommended to the Board of Health to cause a sufficient common sewer to be laid in the premises aforesaid.— That the committee had agreed that permission should be given to open the street, and that the expense should be apportioned on the abutters, and, from the necessity of the case, if any portion of the same could not be collected from the abutters it should be paid by the town.— Report accepted.

The Chairman reported, that conformable to the vote of the Board of the 19th Ultimo' he had informed Mr. Daniel P. Parker that the Board (on the part of the town) were willing to pay $500 towards erecting good & sufficient *reservoirs* and drains for carrying the water that runs down Belknap & Walnut streets into Beacon street under ground, into the Frog pond; he Mr. Parker paying or becoming answerable for the balance.— That Mr. Parker has since informed him, he will have *suitable Reservoirs* built and a drain *two feet square in the clear,* the whole to be built by Sargent & Hart to the satisfaction of the Board on the conditions mentioned by the Board.— The Board consented that the drain should be reduced to 2 feet square in the clear and instructed the Chairman to authorise Mr. Parker to have it completed.—

[**199.**] Mr. Dorr reported, that in compliance with the vote of the Board he had (again) conferred with Mr. Haynes

on the subject of his demand against the town, and that there was not the least prospect of Mr. Haynes accepting the sum limited by the Board.—

The Chairman reported, that in conformity to the vote of the Board of the 15th inst: he has notified James Malone to repair the depredation committed on Broad Way at So. Boston. — That in consequence of the notice Mr. Malone attended with Mr. Woodward and stated, that some other persons had committed much greater depredations than Malone and requested that the prosecution might be stayed for a few days to give them time to collect evidence of this fact, which he, (the Chairman) has consented to.— Approved by the Board.

The Chairman informed that the police officer had been served with two summonses for actions brought against him (by Jonathan Amory Jr. and John Brazer) for removing incumbrances from Fosters Lane conformably to the orders of the Board. The Board directed the Chairman to hand them to Peter O. Thacher Esq. and request him to defend those suits.—

The application of Barton & Downing to lease a lot of the Mill Pond land was referred to the committee of Section No. 2 with [**200.**] full powers to lease the same on such terms as they should think would be for the interest of the town.—

The application of Luther Nathan for permission to erect a bakers oven in the kitchen of house No. 16 Union street was committed to Messrs. Austin & Dorr.

The application of Solo H. Hudson for permission to fix kettles for trying lard in a building on Phila Packet wharf was referred to the Chairman & Mr. Silsby.

[**201.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday September 29. 1819

Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby and Shaw.

Four grand and four traverse jurors for the Uuited States Circuit Court were drawn.

On the application of Alexr. Townsend in behalf of Snelling Powell and others, voted that Messrs. Snelling, Powell, James A. Dickson and their associates have our approbation to act or carry on for profit, gain or valuable consideration, stage plays interludes or other theatrical entertainments at the theatre in Federal street for the ensuing year.—

A memorial was received from a number of citizens requesting (for reasons mentioned in their memorial) that the trucks and carts may not be removed from the east end of Faneuil Hall, ordered to remain on file for consideration.

The Chairman informed that Mrs. Deblois had been duly notified to have the foot way in front of her estate on Common street paved with brick or [**202.**] flat stone, conformable to law, with which she had not complied. The Chairman was requested to direct the police officer to call on Mrs. Deblois and inform her if it was not immediately done the workmen would have orders to do it and the bill sent her for payment.

On the renewed applications of Silas Field, William Hartwell, Charles Willis and John White to be licensed as auctioneers in Merchants Row and Ann street, the Board having already fully considered the subject upon their former applications, and being then fully convinced that it would not be consistent with the public good to grant their licenses at the places proposed, and no new reason having occurred to induce this board to alter their determination upon the subject; — Voted that it is inexpedient to grant licenses for the places proposed in Merchants Row and Ann street.

Mr Peter Coffin was licensed as an auctioneer, his auction office [**203.**] to be at No 34 India street.

The Board being informed that part of the wall of First street at South Boston had given way and the street considerably injured by the late storms, the committee of section No 3 were desired to have such repairs made as may be necessary.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday Octobr. 6, 1819.
Present Messrs. Phillips, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Shaw.

The committee of section No 2 were authorised to lease the lot of the Mill pond land applied for by Messrs. Barton and Downing for seventy five dollars pr. annum.

Return was made by Mr. Hunewell that he had examined the accounts of the Hay weigher for the quarter ending 30th September, the whole amount of the proceeds was $307.84 and the balance due the town was $99.44 which the treasurer has been ordered to receive.

The Board again took into consideration the application of Edwd. Haynes for payment [**204.**] for land taken from him some years since to widen Elm & Brattle streets and, voted

that the Board would give a list of twelve gentlemen from which Mr. Haynes might select three, to estimate the value of land taken for highway, corner of Elm & Brattle streets, to which Mr. Haynes agreed. A list was made and handed to Mr. Haynes.

The Chairman communicated to the Board, notices that had been left with him from John White, Charles Willis Jr. and Silas Field (and Henry Orne their attorney) that application had been made to the Court of Sessions for licenses to sell at auction that the Court had assigned Tuesday next at 10 o'clock, to consider the subject — The Board directed the Chairman to send the Hon. Court an attested copy of the vote of the Board of the 29th ultimo on this subject.

The committee of section No 1 made the following report.

Boston 5th October, 1819.

The committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen to examine an alleged encroachment on a public street by Nickerson have attended to that duty [and] respectfully report [**205.**] That the estate now held by said Nickerson was purchased by him from Payson & Holbrook & by them of Jonas Welsh & the deed dated 15th Novr., 1796, bounded on Prince street seventeen feet, on the S. W. end by a passage way leading to the North Mills 27 feet & on a level line running easterly 5 feet, thence running easterly on a public passage way till it returned to Prince street; — said committee further report that the line on Prince street is about twenty one feet from the estate owned by Thomas Badger to the fence in front of said Nickerson's house & on the S. W. line including the bevil there is an encroachment of one foot or thereabouts; Your committee are of opinion that said Nickerson has encroached & holds possession of part of the town's highway bounding on said Nickersons premises; & would therefore recommend that Mr. Taylor be employed to measure said estate & report the same to the board

All which is respectfully submitted

(Sign'd) En: Silsby, committee,

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Mr. Luther to erect a bakers oven in Union street, informed they were ready to report on that subject, but as Mr. Luther was desirous the situation should be [**206.**] examined again the committee requested further time and also that there should be an addition to the committee, whereupon it was voted that the gentlemen present attend to morrow at 10 A. M. and view the premises.—

The proposal of William Lovering Jr. for furnishing the quantity of winter pressed sperm oil for the town lamps was accepted.

The committee of section No 2 were authorized to have the necessary repairs made to that part of Charles street which joins Cambridge Bridge.

The Treasurer of the Franklin Fund having informed the Chairman that his accounts were ready for inspection of the Trustees, Messrs. Bass, & Silsby were appointed, a committee for that purpose on the part of the Board.

Mr. Lovering was requested to superintend the inspection of the military stores of the town with the brigade major.

The Application of Mr. Brooks that the town would complete a part of the street leading from Broadway to the shipyard to enable him to occupy a lot he had purchased, was referred to Messrs. Lovering & Bass.

The application of John Cassell to remove his auction office from No. 3 Boylston square to store No. 92-3-4 Fish street was granted.

The application of William Hartwell to be [**207.**] licensed as an auctioneer in Exchange street was granted.

A certificate was signed in favor of Mary Proctor a deaf & dumb daughter of John Proctor, additional certificates were also signed in favor of Emeline Fisher, Sally Jackson and Thomas Williston all deaf and dumb persons.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 13th. 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.—

The Chairman informed that Mr. Haynes had selected Messrs. Isaac Winslow, Joshua Davis & Samuel Fales, as referrees from the list made by the Board.— The Chairman was requested to notify those gentlemen, and Mr. Dorr requested to meet with the referrees.—

The Chairman also informed that he, with Messrs. Lovering, Austin & Dorr agreeable to appointment met Mr. Luther and his attorney Mr. Barrell, that the committee viewed the premises and were unanimously of opinion that the public safety would be endangered by the erection of a bakers oven at the place applied for, and that his request [**208.**] ought not to be granted; That Mr. Luther was informed by the committee of the report they should make: — since which Mr. Luther by his attorney had left the plan of an oven for the inspection of the Board, with a request that the Board would not decide

on the subject until the plan had been inspected by Mr. Hunewell.— The Board to gratify Mr. Luther postponed their decision until the next meeting.

The application of Thomas Perkins Esq. that the Board would have that part of Belknap street between Olive & Beacon street lowered whereby the ascent would be lessened; — was referred to Messrs Hunewell & Lovering, to have such part taken off as they may think necessary, they were also authorized to employ Mr. Sprague to superintend the work.—

Application having been made by Horatio H. Shaw to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, stating that Sally Hall of Boston, widow is non compos mentis, and incapable of taking care of herself — The Board conformable to the direction of the Hon. Judge of Probate took inquisition thereof and were of opinion that the said Sally Hall was incapable of taking care of herself; — & return was signed to the Hon. Judge of Probate requesting that a guardian may be appointed for her.—

[**209.**] The Chairman having informed that the leases of the stalls at the west end of Faneuil Hall will expire on the 31 inst.— The Board authorized him to direct the clerk of the market to lease them at the same rate for the year ensuing.—

The committee for the Latin schoolhouse were authorized to make such alterations in the lower room of that house as may be necessary for the accommodation of the scholars.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday Octobr. 20. 1819, Present Messrs Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, and Dorr.

Joseph Pastor a minor 16 years of age, having no parents or guardian, was with his consent and by his desire apprenticed to Ezra Vinton of Charlestown, cooper until he arrives at the age of 21 years.

The Chairman reported instructions to Mr. C. Hayward as commander of the town watch which on being read were approv'd by the Board.

The Chairman (as one of the committee of the market) informed that the number [**210.**] of waggons from the country with cheese had so increased as to render their standing in Dock Square inconvenient, and proposed they should be removed to the square lying between Union street and the stalls north west of the market. The Board after considering

the subject voted that the Chairman be instructed to direct the Clerk of the Market to have all those waggons or carts from the country with cheese or the principal part of their loading consisting of cheese placed in the most convenient part of the square lying between Union street and the north west of the market.

Captain Winslow Lewis having requested that a committee might be appointed to ascertain the bounds of the land granted by the town for the rope walks. The Board appointed Messrs. Hunnewell & Lovering a committee for this purpose.

The application of Mr. Davis cabinet maker to lease a lot of the Mill pond land was referred to the Chairman with power to lease the same.

Mr. Samuel G. Williams was appointed an auctioneer to sell at large but debarred [**211.**] having any office or place of business in those streets or lanes from which others have been restrained.

The committee on accounts were authorized to allow John Redman's bill for paving the side walk in front of Mrs. Hathaways house in West street, she being unable to pay for the same.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Wednesday October 27. 1819 Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Shaw.

The Chairman informed that he had this day seen Mr. Hunewell, who informed him, he had viewed the place where Mr. Luther had applied for permission to erect a bakers oven & that he (the Chairman) had also shown him the plan of the oven — The Board being fully satisfied that the place was unsuitable for the business proposed.

Voted, that the report of the committee of the 13th inst. be accepted.

Mr. Lovering of the committee appointed [**212.**] the 20th inst. on the application of Capt. Winslow Lewis — Reported that Capt. Lewis was satisfied the former rope walk stood on the proper bounds and that he had directed the new one to be placed conformable thereto.

The committee appointed to examine the annual account of the Treasurer of the Franklin fund — reported that they had examined the same by the bonds & endorsements and found it correct & that the sum of three hundred and ninety

five & $\frac{79}{100}$ dollars is the balance of cash in his hands which account and the statement of instalments due and unpaid is in the bundle of mixed papers.

The report of the referrees to whom was referred the demand of Amos Binney or Edward Haynes, was opened (Mr. Haynes being present) and the award accepted by the Board, Mr. Haynes observed he was satisfied with the award as far as it went, but that there were damages sustained by him that the referrees did not take into consideration, on which subject he requested to address the Board in writing, his request was granted.

The application (in person) of Mr. Josiah Knapp that the watch house in Orange street, which [**213.**] he stated, stood partly on his land, and had for some time past and now is a great nuisance to him, might be remov'd; was referred to Messrs. Oliver, Hunewell & Austin.—

The Application of Silas Field to be licensed as an auctioneer in Exchange street, of Thomas Boardman to be licensed as an auctioneer No. 102 Fish street & Timothy Hathaway to be licensed as an auctioneer in Newbury street were severally granted.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 3d 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.

Passed the monthly accounts.—

A communication from Edward Haynes stating the damage he had sustained in consequence of a part of his land being taken to widen Elm & Brattle streets, being read; The Chairman informed the Board he had written Mr. Bulfinch, requesting such information on this subject as he may be able to give.— The Board directed the communication should remain on file until a reply was received from Mr. Bulfinch.—

[**214.**] The application of Capt. Winslow Lewis for permission to extend his new rope walk thirty feet more over the platform now leased to him than the former walk covered for reasons mentioned in his application (which is in the file of mixed papers) was granted during the pleasure of the town or the Selectmen.—

The Chairman reported, that he had examined the accounts of the Clerk of the Market for the quarter ending 30th October inclusive, the receipts amounting to $2,544.40 which the treas-

urer had been directed to receive; — the expenditures and the clerk's salary amounting to $339.56 had been put on the monthly draft.

The representation of Capt. Stone of the Columbian Artillery, stating that the land on which their gun house stands is not sufficiently large for their accommodation, — was referred to the committee of section No. 1.—

Mr. Lovering reported that the military stores which the town was by law obliged to provide and keep in some suitable place, was now complete.— An account of which is in the bundle of mixed papers.—

[**215.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Tuesday November 9th 1819.— Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Shaw.

22 grand & 35 traverse jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday, November 10th 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.—

The Chairman represented that the town watch in the discharge of their duty, frequently apprehended thieves, and persons guilty of riotous and other unlawful proceedings, and that they were often called upon by the inhabitants to take into custody persons guilty of the crimes above mentioned, which cases happening in the night, the commander of the watch (Mr. Caleb Hayward) found it extremely difficult to procure a mittimus to commit the offenders;— he therefore proposed that the Hon Mr. Hunewell be requested to apply to His Excellency the Governor & the Hon Council to commission Mr. Caleb Hayward as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Suffolk.— The Board after due consideration were fully sensible of the utility of the measure, and with a firm belief that he would not abuse the authority with which he [**216.**] would be invested.— Voted, that the Hon. Mr. Hunewell be requested to apply to His Excellency the Governor & the Hon. Council to commission Mr. Caleb Hayward as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Suffolk.—

Mr. Shaw to whom was referred the application of Equality Weston for the loan of $200 — of the Franklin fund, reported that in his opinion the sureties offered were not sufficient.— Report accepted.

The Chairman informed that Mr. Silas Field had applied for a license to sell at auction, his office to be at No 80 Prince

street;— The Chairman observed as this was not one of the streets in which the auctioneers were prohibited keeping their offices & making sales by public vendue, he should (in conformity to the discretion vested in him by the Board) have given him a license, but as Mr. Field informed him it was his intention, notwithstanding the prohibition of the Board to make sales by public vendue in Merchants Row, he thought his duty compelled him to withold the license until he had made this statement to the Board.— After due deliberation, the Board Voted, That the Chairman be instructed not to deliver a license to any person to sell at public auction, unless a written application is made therefor, containing an assurance from the applicant that he will not sell at public vendue in any of the streets, lanes or [**217.**] places where such sales are prohibited by this Board, unless he has permission therefor.—

* The demand of Israel Thorndike Esq. for a part of the expense of removing the foundation of his buildings in Summer street and throwing about seven hundred feet of land into the street was referred to Mr. Hunewell to examine if the agreement with Mr. Thorndike (for which see proceedings of the Board May 6th. 1818) was complied with on his part, and a deed of the land executed.—

The school committee being notified to meet at the Selectmens room at 4 o'clock — obstructed the further proceedings of the Board.—

* The Chairman gave notice to the Board; that he had been informed that Mr. John Minchin who was licensed at No. 5 Lendells Lane was now selling by public vendue at No, 18 Merchants Row, in defiance of the prohibition of the Board. The Chairman was instructed, in case Mr. Minchin persisted in making sales at public vendue in that store, to cause him to be prosecuted therefor;— on which subject he would consult Mr. Shaw.

[**218.**] Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen on Monday November 15th. 1819.— Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Shaw. —

This meeting was called in compliance with the request of several citizens, who stated, that it was their belief that the late fires at the rope walks were caused by some vile incendiary or incendiaries, and requested that the Board would offer a reward for their detection, the amount of which reward should be paid from the sums subscribed by the offices and individuals of the town for this purpose.—

The Board being satisfied that the late alarming and destruc-

tive fires at the rope walks were caused by design directed the Chairman to have the following advertisement inserted in the papers, viz.—

One Thousand Dollars Reward! —

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston, being satisfied that the late alarming and destructive fires at the ropewalks were caused by design, and being deeply impressed with the importance of punishing so daring an outrage with prompt and exemplary severity, hereby earnestly request their fellow-citizens to use the utmost vigilance in detecting the perpetrators; and [**219.**] hereby offer the above reward to any person or persons who shall give such information as shall lead to the conviction of the offender or offenders in a court of justice.—

By order of the Selectmen

November 15. 1819. Turner Phillips, Chairman.

And that he cause three hundred hand bills to be printed and posted up in different parts of the town, and distributed among the inhabitants.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 17th. 1819.— Present Messrs. Phillips, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.—

Mr. Taylor having completed the survey of the estate of Mr. Nickerson, by which it appears Mr. Nickerson or others have encroached on the public highway, it was voted that the Chairman be instructed to notify Major Barzillai Hudson, guardian to said Nickerson to remove the incumbrances without delay. (Notified)

The committee on accounts were authorized to allow Mr. William Taylor two hundred dollars for about twenty one hundred square feet of land, being that part of Myrtle street from [**220.**] the street of Belknap's heirs to the rope walk, to South Russell street, and part of the expense of removing his building; Mr. Taylor giving a warrantee deed of the land. — The same committee were also authorized to allow Col. Amos Binney one hundred & fifty dollars upon his giving [a] quit claim deed for land taken from an estate in Elm street about the year 1809, belonging to him or Mr. Edward Haynes for the purpose of widening Elm & Brattle streets, they also giving an acquittance for all demands for damages sustained in consequence of the lands being taken.

Mr. John White had permission to have a sale by public auction at the office formerly kept by him in (No. 4) Ann street on Saturday next and three days of the next week for the express purpose of disposing of the goods now in the store.—

Mr. William Hartwell had also permission to sell at the office formerly kept by him in store No. 6 Ann street three days of the next week, (he naming the days) for the same purpose it was granted to Mr. John White.

Mr. Lovering was authorized to make such repairs on Front street as were necessary.—

Mr. Austin was authorized to make such repairs to the engine house on the bridge in Ann street as was necessary.—

[**221.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 24th, 1819.— Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Shaw.

7 Jurors for U. S. District Court.—

The Chairman informed that conformably to directions of the Board he had notified Major B. Hudson of the encroachment by Mr. Nickerson on Snow Hill or Thacher street, that Major Hudson had attended & assured him he would procure the deeds of Mr. Nickersons estate, and attend to the business without unnecessary delay.—

The Chairman reported that Mr. Edward Haynes had consented to receive the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars in full for Col. Binney's demand for the land taken from his estate to widen Elm street & Brattle street, and for his (Mr. Haynes) demand for damages sustained by him for removing the cellar wall and altering the frame of the building on the said land.—

Mr. James A. Dickson having enclosed with a fence a small piece of land on Federal street (to remove a nuisance) and the Board having viewed the same, it was voted, that the fence be allowed to remain, Mr. Dickson acknowledging in writing that he claimed no right to the land and that he would remove [**222.**] the fence whenever required so to do — (the obligation is in the trunk.)

Mr. Austin, was requested to have the town's slip at the bottom of Cross street repaired.—

Mr. Hunewell reported that Col. Thorndike had complied with the vote of the Board of the 6th May, 1818 — and had thrown the land mentioned in that vote into Summer street.— The committee on accounts were therefore directed to place three hundred dollars on the next draft to the credit of Israel Thorndike Esq.—

The committee on accounts were directed to complete the

monthly & quarterly draft on Monday next, to accommodate those persons who may want their money before Thanksgiving day.

The Board being dissatisfied with their messenger, it was voted, that Mr. Champney be notified that his services will not be required by this Board after the first day of January next. — And that suitable measures be taken to procure a person to supply his place.

[**223.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 1st, 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.—

The committee to whom was referred (on the 27th October last) the application of Mr. Josiah Knapp made a report which was re-committed for the purpose of ascertaining if a piece of land could be obtained of Messrs. Homes & Bass at a reasonable rate, and if not, to endeavour to obtain some other piece of land suitable to erect a watch & engine house on.—

Messrs. Lovering, Dorr & Bass were appointed a committee to fix on some suitable place to which the trucks & carts usually standing at the east end of Faneuil Hall might be removed, and report.—

The application of J. W. Geyer for permission to sell at public vendue in the market for one week was refused.—

The Treasurer of the Franklin Fund was authorized to suspend suits against such delinquents of the fund as he may think expedient until April next, he having represented that compulsive measures at this season would be attended with distressing consequences to their families.—

The application of Mr. Ebr. O. Torrey for permission to erect a bakers oven in Back street, was referred to Messrs. Lovering & Dorr.—

[**224.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 8th, 1819.— Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the necessity of removing the trucks, carts & sleds from the east end of Faneuil Hall, made the following report.—

That from the extreme crowd in Market Square and the streets adjacent thereto, occasioned by the teams of our country friends it is rendered indispensably necessary that more room should be made for their accomodation and that of the public;

and they hereby recommend that all the trucks, carts & sleds which have been allowed to stand at the east end of Faneuil Hall, be removed into Broad, Commercial & Central streets, from and after the eighteenth day of this present month under the superintendence of the police officer — which report being read was accepted.—

Whereupon it was ordered, that from and after Saturday the 18th. instant, no trucks, carts, sleds or other carriages belonging to the inhabitants of the town of Boston, be allowed to stand in the street or on the town's land at the east end of Faneuil Hall — and that the Chairman be directed to cause the above order to be published conformable to law.—

[**225.**] The committee to whom was referred the application of Mr. Ebenezer O. Torrey to erect a bakers oven, reported, — That they had examined the place named by Mr. Torrey in Back Street, at the back of a cabinet maker's shop, and were of opinion it was not a suitable place for that purpose.— Report accepted.—

The application of Mr. Silas Field, that the restriction of the Board respecting sales by public vendue in certain streets near the market might be taken off as it respected him, or that his application for his license might be given up to him; — was not granted.

The application of a committee of the people of color that they may be permitted to visit the school provided for their children, was so far granted, that they are permitted to visit the school for the purpose of hearing the children read and view their writing, and also to notice what children absent themselves from the school, in order that they may call on their parents and endeavour to persuade them to compél their children to attend.— But they are not permitted to interfere with the government or regulations of the school; — and if they have any well grounded complaints against the instructors, they are to make them known to this Board.—

[**226.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 15th. 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.—

The Chairman communicated a letter he had received from Hansen Kelly magistrate of police of the town of Wilmington N. Carolina, soliciting pecuniary assistance for the sufferers by the fire in that town.—

On the application of Mr. Hugh Hogan, that a stable hired by him, belonging to heirs of John Gray, deceased, situated at the back of the Tontine buildings and the buildings erected by

Israel Thorndike Esq. may be approbated as a livery stable; — some of the Board who were present informed they had a perfect knowledge of the building and its situation, and were of opinion it was not a suitable place for a livery stable; — It was therefore voted, that Mr. Hogan's request could not be granted.—

The application of Mr. John White to be licensed to sell at public vendue in Fish street was granted, on condition that Mr. White's application was made conformable to the vote of the Board of the 10th. Novr. last.—

The Chairman communicated a [**227.**] note he had received from William Donnison Esq. notifying the whole committee on the subject of a new prison, to meet on Thursday the 23d of December instant at 3 o'clock P. M.—

Passed a number of applications for approbation of licenses.

Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen Monday 20th. December 1819 — Present, Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.

12 Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court — Also 34 Jurors for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday December 22d 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Bass & Dorr.—

Mr. Elisha Smith was appointed one of the constables of the town on condition of his procuring bondsmen that shall be approved by the Board.—

Passed on a number of applications for licenses.— The Solicitor General & Mr. Whitman being in waiting to examine the records &c preparatory to the trial respecting the town dock, the Board suspended all further proceedings to their next meeting.

[**228.**] Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen Tuesday December 28th 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.

24 Traverse jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 29th. 1819 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.—

Passed the monthly draft.

Mr. Elisha Smith appointed one of the constables at the last meeting of the board, proposed Messrs. John Roulstone & Alexander Parris as his bondsmen, which were approved.

The application of Daniel Messinger Esq. that the rent of the room in the old Town House occupied by him might be reduced, or, that the room recently occupied by Mr. Charles Bridge might be added to his room, for the whole of which he was willing to pay five hundred dollars pr annum; The Board were of opinion as the rents of the rooms at the west end of the house had been reduced, and as rents had generally fallen, that it would be more for the town's interest to comply with Col. Messinger's request than to take the risk [**229.**] of procuring a new tenant, and therefore voted, that from and after the expiration of the present quarter, the committee of the Town house be authorized to lease to Col. Messinger the room now occupied by him and the office lately occupied by Mr. Bridge for five hundred dollars per annum.

On the representation of Allan Pollock, sealer of weights and measures, stating that the fees for sealing, was not an adequate compensation for the time and services required, and requesting the Board would make him a grant of money for office rent and keeping the register for the last two years,— It was voted, that altho' this Board are fully satisfied that Mr. Pollock has faithfully and assiduously performed the duties of his office, yet it is not in their power to grant his request, and if the fees established by law are not an adequate compensation for the services required, his recourse must be to the Legislature of the Commonwealth.—

The Chairman having stated that a number of the town lamps had very recently been broken, it was voted, that the Chairman cause an advertisement to be inserted in the papers offering a suitable reward to any person, or persons who may give such information as shall lead to the conviction of the offender or offenders; and also, a suitable reward to any person, who may give such information, as shall lead to the conviction of any one who may be guilty of the like offence in future.

[**230.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday the 5th. January 1820 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Shaw.—

The Chairman as treasurer of the fund of Mrs. Brooker & others produced the account of interest received by him, (since the last distribution) amounting to two hundred and

fifty five dollars and sixty three cents, which was paid in equal portions to the members of the Board, to be by them distributed conformably to the wills of the donors.—

The Chairman communicated a note he had received from Wm. Donnison Esq. notifying the whole committee to meet on the subject of the plans for a new prison, on Monday next at 3 o'clock P.M.

The police officer made a return of the fines received by him, and paid to the town treasurer for the quarter ending the 31st December last amounting to twelve dollars fifty cents.

Mr. Jonas Ames was appointed one of the constables of the town on condition of his procuring bondsmen that shall be approved by the Board.

Passed on several applications, to be approbated as victuallers.

[**231.**] The police officer reported that there were three stone stumps on or near the side walks of the town that were dangerous to foot passengers viz.— one in Marlborough street one in Cornhill & one in Union street.

Voted that the Chairman be instructed to direct the police officer to have them taken up or broken off as may be found most convenient.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday the 12th. January 1820 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.—

On the application of Major Oliver Johonnot and Mr. Richard Edwards.— Representation was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk — that John Hutchinson of this town, sailmaker, does by excessive drinking & idleness, so spend and waste his estate as thereby to expose himself and family to want & suffering circumstances, and praying that a guardian may be appointed for him.

The Chairman communicated to the Board the request of Mr. Silas Field, that he might be permitted to sell at public vendue near the market, as long as others sold, or until they are compelled to desist from selling.— The Board decided that Mr. Fields request could not be granted, but as Mr. Field complained, that, by his assurance to the Board [**232.**] in his application for a license, he was not placed on an equal footing with other auctioneers;— the Board being of

opinion, that as Mr. Field had manifested a disposition to comply with their restrictions, they ought not to use that assurance to his injury, and that he ought to be placed on equal ground with the other auctioneers; they therefore instructed the Chairman to return Mr. Field his application if he requested it.

The vote of the Board of the 10th of November last was consequently repealed.—

Application having been made for widening that part of Congress street where the Exchange Coffee house formerly stood.— The subject was committed to Messrs. Oliver, Dorr & Hunewell.—

The Chairman informed, that the Solicitor General had handed him a report of the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court on the indictment found against the Rev. John Codman for incumbering the Town Dock & public highway adjacent thereto.—

Mr. Alexander Mitchell was appointed one of the constables of the town, he procuring bondsmen that shall be approved by the Board.—

[**233.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday January 19th. 1820 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.

The committee to whom was referred the application for widening Congress street, made a partial report; — they were instructed to ascertain what portion, if any, of the cost of widening that street would be paid by those persons who own estates on the street.

The persons named by Mr. Jonas Ames, viz. Messrs. Edward Childs, Joseph Kingsley & Amos Penniman, for his bondsmen as one of the constables of the town, were accepted by the Board.

The proposition of Mr. Amos Wood, to keep Cambridge street, from Chambers street to the bridge in complete order, so far as relates to the gravel or sand that may collect in that street, was agreed to, on condition, that he keep the drains in that street clear.— for which Mr. Wood is to have the exclusive right to all the manure, gravel & sand that may collect in that portion of the street.—

The Chairman communicated the notice he had received from Judge Donnison, that the committee for erecting a new prison would meet on the morrow, to receive the report of

the sub committee appointed to select one of the plans that had been offered for the county prison.

[**234.**] Mr. Alexander Black having offered for the consideration of the Board, the pattern of an oil bucket and burners for the lamps, constructed by him.— The subject was referred to the Chairman, Mr. Lovering & Mr. Dorr, who were requested to confer with Mr. Black on the subject.

The school committee having been notified to meet this day and part of them having assembled, the further business of the Board was referred to their next meeting.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 26th. 1820 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Shaw.—

The committee appointed (at the last meeting of the Board) to confer with Mr. Black on the subject of new invented oil buckets & lamp burners,— reported, that they had met Mr. Black and conversed with him on the subject referred to them; — but as Mr. Black informed them he had no authority from Major Melvill who was concerned with him, to name any particular sum for the use of (what they called) their right, the further consideration of the subject was postponed.—

[**235.**] Ordered, that the report (furnished by the Solicitor General) of the decision of the trial in the Supreme Judicial Court respecting the Town Dock, be transcribed into the Book in which is copied the opinion of counsel employed by the Board previous to the suits being commenced.—

The Chairman informed the Board he had received information that Capt. Benjamin Rich had applied to the Legislature for an act to incorporate himself & associates as proprietors of an estate near Dock Square, formerly owned by David Greenough & others, and as a part of the building erected on this estate was doubtless intended for a public market, he suggested for the consideration of the Board whether it was not their duty to oppose it.— The Board after examining the proceedings of the Town on the 14th June last, were of opinion the vote then passed was imperative on them to remonstrate against the petition,— and voted, that Mr. Shaw be requested to draft a suitable remonstrance to be signed by the Board and sent to the Hon. Legislature as soon as may be.—

Mr. George Odiorne having informed, that eight hundred dollars had been subscribed to procure a first rate clock to be placed in the church on Park street, and the Board being of opinion that it would be of public utility.— Voted, that the

clock when put up free of expense to the town & delivered to the [**236.**] Selectmen, would be considered as one of the town clocks and attended to accordingly.

Mr. Hayward as commander of the town watch was authorized to add to the pay roll of the center watch for this month. seventy five cents for the constable of the watch & fifty cents to each of the watchmen who were on duty, for extra services performed by them on the night when the misdemeanor was committed by the people of color.—

A complaint having been made "that the drivers of carts, trucks of sleds standing in Broad street, assemble in great numbers on the side walk, in front of stores in that street to the great annoyance of the owners or occupiers of those stores;" — And calling on the Board to remedy the evil: — It was voted, that the Chairman be instructed to address a note to some of the principal owners of the vehicles usually standing in that street, requesting them to call a meeting of the truckmen and have a committee appointed to meet the Board on Wednesday next at 4 o'clk P. M. to confer with them, & devise some amicable arrangement that shall (if possible) meet the wishes of all parties, & remedy this evil in future.

[**237.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 2d. 1820 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.—

Passed the monthly draft.

The Chairman informed that conformably to a vote of the Board of the 26th. ultimo a remonstrance against the petition of Benja. Rich & others had been signed and sent to the Hon. Legislature, of which the following is a copy.

"To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled.

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston respectfully represent, that they have just learned that a petition of Benjamin Rich Esq. & others is now pending before your honorable body, the object of which is to obtain an act of incorporation for themselves and associates, as proprietors of an estate or estates situated on or near Dock Square and the ancient market in the town of Boston; that not having seen the said petition or any official notice thereof your memorialists are not certain that the object of said petition is distinctly understood, but if their apprehension thereof is correct, they beg [**238.**] leave in behalf of & under instructions of the inhabitants of said town,

most respectfully and earnestly to remonstrate against the granting of said petition, unless under such restrictions as may render the same consistent with the rights & interests of said town.—

In support of this remonstrance, your memorialists beg leave to represent, that at the June session of the Legislature 1818, and also at the last June session similar petitions were presented by David Greenough & others, then proprietors of the same estate, for the same purpose substantially, as your petitioners believe, upon which occasions, the inhabitants of the town, duly convened for that purpose, determined nearly or quite unanimously, to oppose the prayer of said petitions, and on the last of which occasions appointed "the Selectmen a committee to present a suitable remonstrance to the Legislature against said petition & therein to pray that in any act of incorporation which might be granted to said petitioners upon their petition, or upon any other petition, which might at any time thereafter be presented by said petitioners, or any other person on the same subject, a restrictive clause might be inserted so as effectually to protect the rights & interests of the town from injury.

Without knowing the precise object or specific prayer of said petitioners, your memorialists believe the object thereof [**239.**] to be, to obtain a grant either in express terms or under general powers, to establish a market for the sale of provisions. The establishment of such a market, by private citizens, in the vicinity of the ancient market, your memorialists believe will be incompatible with the rights & highly injurious to the interests of the town.— Without detailing all the reasons & grounds of this belief, your memorialists beg leave to refer to the several official proceedings of the town upon that subject, authenticated copies of which are herewith presented, also the remonstrance of the inhabitants of Boston to the petition of David Greenough & others presented at the last session of the Legislature.

Your memorialists duly appreciate the laudable enterprise of all those public spirited citizens, who are disposed to add to the accomodation, convenience & elegance of the town, by the erection of new buildings, and would not willingly impede them in the pursuit of any object, not directly & apparently incompatible with the rights & interests of the town.

But apprehensive that these rights and interests will be injuriously affected by the establishment of a market at the place proposed, and in obedience to the instructions of the inhabitants of the town, your memorialists pray that in any act which may be passed to incorporate the proprietors of lands in the vicinity of Market or Dock Squares, a clause may be inserted, expressly [**240.**] restraining such corporation from occupying using or improving any building erected or to be erected upon such estate, as and for a public market. And as in duty bound will ever pray."—

The Chairman also informed, that agreeably to the instructions of the Board at their last meeting he had sent a note to the owners of the carts, trucks or sleds usually standing in Broad street — a copy of which is on file of mixed papers.

A circular letter from the Mayor of the City of Savannah was communicated to the Board, stating the calamity that had befallen that city by fire, calling on those who were charitably disposed for assistance. The Board after duly considering this subject, and not finding a precedent that would authorize them in their public capacity to recommend the adoption of any measures on this calamitous occasion, voted, that Mr. Shaw be requested to take the circulars that had been received from Savannah and Wilmington & confer with some of the influential gentlemen of the town on the subject of raising a sum by subscription for the relief of the sufferers.—

The Chairman communicated a note he had received from Peter C. Brooks Esq Chairman of the committee of the Honorable [**241.**] House of Representatives to whom was referred the petition of B. Rich & others for incorporating the estate near the market by the name of Museum Hall, requesting to be informed "if the Selectmen could think of any restrictions which would remove their objections to the bill — and at the same time permit a market."— The Chairman was requested to reply to Mr. Brooks' note, and instructed to inform him this Board cannot think of any restrictions that would remove their objections to the bill now before the Hon. House of Representatives short of having a clause inserted restricting the corporation from using any part of the building as a market— Mr. Brooks' note with the reply is in the bundle of mixed papers.—

The Chairman as one of the committee of the Market, reported that he had examined the account of the Clerk of the Market for the quarter ending the 29th January last, the receipts amounting to $2927.80. which he had directed the treasurer to receive. The expenditures including the quarter's salary of the clerk amounting to $602.30. had been placed on the monthly draft.—

Mr. Hunewell (committee on the Hay Scales) reported that he had examined the Account of the Hay-Weigher for the quarter ending the 1st January last; the balance due the town $98.89 — The Chairman had directed the treasurer to receive.—

Messrs. Lincoln, Wheetwright & others having [**242.**] associated for the purpose of forming a nightly patrol to extend from India wharf to Sea street, requesting the approbation of the Selectmen — The Board having approved of

the same it was voted, that the constables of the town watch be directed to give the patrol all the assistance they may need, & to receive and secure any person or persons that may be brought to them by the patrol, for breaking into houses, stores or vessels, or attempting to set fire to any building or any combustible matter or thing which may prove hazardous.—

A committee from the owners of trucks &c. not appearing agreeably to the request of the Chairman in behalf of the Selectmen, the further consideration of the complaint against their drivers was referred to the next meeting of the Board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 9th 1820. Present Messrs. Phillips, Hunewell, Lovering & Bass.—

The day being excessive stormy, prevented a majority of the Board from assembling, no business was transacted.—

[**243.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 16th 1820 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.

On the application of Mr. George Barker, representation was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, That John Coates of this town bookbinder does by excessive drinking & idleness, so spend and waste his income as thereby to expose himself to want and suffering circumstances, and praying that a guardian may be appointed for him.—

Messrs. Francis Southack, Baker, and John R. Gould bookbinder, were approved as bondsmen for Alexander Mitchell appointed constable.—

On the application of Mr. John H. Schaffer — voted, that he and his associates have our approbation, to act or carry on, for profit, gain, or valuable consideration, stage plays, interludes or other theatrical entertainments at the amphitheatre in the Washington Gardens so called near the Mall in this town for one year from this day.—

The Chairman communicated a letter he had received from the Mayor of the City of New Orleans accompanied with a copy of the digest of the City Ordinances, elegantly bound and gilt.— The Chairman was instructed to have [**244.**] one copy of the by-laws and orders of this town bound in the same manner as those that were sent to the Intendant of the City of Charleston, and forward it to the Mayor of the City of New Orleans.—

An application from a committee of the directors of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation requesting that an article may be inserted in the warrant for March meeting — "To determine what further time the town will allow the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation to complete their works according to law to entitle them to the grants of the town." — Voted, that the same be inserted in the warrant for March meeting.—

The proposition of a committee from the Masonic lodges respecting the old Town House was referred to the committee who have the charge of that building; to whom were added Messrs. Shaw & Dorr, who were instructed to ascertain the amount received by the town treasurer for rents of offices &c on the second floor of the building,— and also to form an estimate of the repairs that would probably be necessary in the course of two years.—

The proposal of Mr. Pliny Clap to keep Broad street clean during the present year & attend to the grates in that street, on condition of his being entitled to the manure that may collect in that street;— was agreed to by the Boafd.—

[**245.**] The Chairman informed that he had authorized the police officer to employ such labourers as he may deem necessary to level the snow in those streets where it was hazardous or difficult for carriages to pass, and in certain cases to have it carted out of the streets — which was approved by the Board.—

The Chairman was requested to have a dinner provided for the Selectmen, school committee, instructors in the schools &c — on the semiannual visitations of the public schools on Friday the 25th instant.—

The committee to whom was referred the subject of widening Congress street,— reported — that they had conversed with Mr. Robbins, one of the proprietors of the land, and that he was willing a part of it should be taken for the purpose of widening the street at the price he gave for it, and that he was also willing to discount such a proportion of the amount, as three judicious persons to be appointed by the Selectmen should assess on him for the benefit it might be to his estate.

The Board being of opinion that the widening of Congress street would be of public utility — voted, that the sum of five hundred dollars be paid to the proprietors of the land on that street, lately belonging to the corporation of the Boston Exchange Coffee House; on condition that they set the buildings which they meditate erecting, so far back as that their

easterly bounds shall be on a line with the building called the Friends Meeting House & add the land in front of their buildings to the street.

[**246.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 23d, 1820 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.—

22 Grand jurors and 35 traverse jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.

Mr. Thomas C. Williams was licensed as an auctioneer, his place of business to be in the chamber over Nos. 101 & 102 Court street.

Passed on the application of a number of persons, to be licensed as victuallers.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1st. 1820 — Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Shaw.—

The committee to whom was referred the proposition of the committee of the Masonic Lodges, reported,— that as this subject must be submitted to the town, it was inexpedient for the Board to express their opinion of the utility of their proposal, but if they wished to have it inserted in the warrant for the next town meeting they presumed there could be no objection — Report accepted, and the Chairman instructed to communicate [**247.**] the report to the gentlemen, and inform them, that any written application that might be received from them during the present week, the Board would, with alacrity, have inserted in the warrant.—

Passed the monthly & quarterly accounts.—

7 Jurors were drawn for the United States District Court.—

The warrant for March meeting was signed.

Mr. Buckingham to print notifications.

The representation of Samuel Torrey & others, owners or occupiers of stores on the north side of Dock Square, complaining that the *scales* in front of store No 4 — was, from the side walk being narrow, and a great crowd about the scales, a very great annoyance, and requesting that they might be removed — was committed to the market committee.—

The rules & regulations of engine company No. 13 were submitted to, and approved by the Board.

The application of George Sullivan Esq. in behalf of the proprietors of St. Pauls church, was referred to the committee of Section No. 4.— who were authorized to grant the request if they should judge it expedient.—

[**248.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 8th. 1820. Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Shaw.—

The Chairman was desired to wait on the Rev. Mr. Sharp, and request him to open the meeting on Monday next with prayer.

The Chairman communicated a note he had received from Lemuel Shaw Esq. declining the honor of being a candidate at the approaching choice of Selectmen.—

The committee of Section No. 3 were requested to have the necessary repairs done on the town's pump, near Fort hill wharf.

The inspector of police was authorized to grant Mr. John Wilson, the privilege of taking all the manure from the following streets during the present year. Vizt.— that portion of Cambridge street extending from Belknap street to Bowdoin Square, all that square, Court street, & from thence down to Dock Square; Exchange street, Merchants Row, Ann street to the bridge, Union street to Hanover street, up that street to Court street, and Elm street.— For which privilege Mr. Wilson is to pay the town treasurer twenty dollars;— to keep those streets &c clean, by sweeping, (when they are free from snow & ice), to sprinkle the same sufficiently with water, so as to prevent the [**249.**] dust from incommoding the citizens who occupy houses or stores in those streets while sweeping; and in case Mr. Wilson should neglect to keep the streets clean as aforesaid, the police officer is to have it done at the expense of Mr. Wilson.—

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 17th. 1820. Present Messrs. Benjamin Austin, Daniel Baxter, Jonathan Loring, Eliphalet Williams & Jeremiah Fitch.

The oath of office was administered to all the above named gentlemen, by the town clerk.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 21st. 1820.— Present — Messrs. Austin, Baxter, Loring, Williams, Fitch, Samuel Billings, Abram Babcock, Robert Fennelly & Samuel A. Wells.

Voted to proceed to the choice of a Chairman.

Messrs. Wells & Fitch were appointed a Committee to receive, sort & count the votes.—

Ballots being taken it appeared that Eliphalet Williams Esq. was chosen.—

[**250.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 22d. 1820. Present Messrs. Williams, Austin, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

The Town Clerk informed the Board, that he had administered the oath of office to Messrs. Billings, Fennelly, Babcock & Wells.—

34 jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

Voted, That the Board be divided into committees as follows. viz.
Section No. 1. to be assigned to Mess. Babcock & Fennelly — Wards No. 1. 2 & 3.
Section No. 2. to Messrs. Billings & Fitch, & to consist of Wards No. 4. 5 & 9.
Section No. 3 to Messrs. Austin, Loring & Wells;— to consist of Wards No. 6. 7. 8 & 10.
Section No. 4. to Messrs. Baxter & Wells to consist of Wards No. 11 & 12.—

Messrs. Williams, Fitch & Babcock, Committee of the Market.

Mr. Loring Committee of Hay Scales.

Messrs. Fitch, Loring & Wells, Committee on the Town House.—

[**251.**] Messrs. Austin, Loring & Wells, Committee on the Common.

Messrs. Baxter & Wells, Committee on the Neck.—

The police officer was authorized to dispose of the manure in the streets, under the direction of the Chairman.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 24th, 1820 — Present the whole Board.

On the application of Benjamin Russell, William Sullivan & Stephen Codman Esqrs. in behalf of the Federal Citizens of this town for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of the 2d. April next.—
It was voted, unanimously, that the request be granted.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29th, 1820.— Present the whole Board.—

A communication was received from David Sears Esq. offering the town a portion of his land in Elm street, for the purpose of widening that street, which being read, was committed to Messrs. Austin, Loring & Billings.

[252.] A remonstrance was received from a number of the inhabitants occupying stores in Broad street, against trucks &c. being allowed to stand in that street — which was read & committed to the Chairman, Messrs Baxter, Babcock, Billings & Wells.

An application from the proprietors of St. Pauls church for a portion of the street — was committed to the Chairman, granting liberty on condition they build a substantial board fence, lay a plank walk & leave the street thirty feet wide until their building shall be completed.

Allan Pollock was chosen sealer of weights & measures.

James Wilson was appointed Town Crier, during the pleasure of the Board.

Caleb Loring Junr. was chosen sealer & weigher of boats & lighters.

The application for liberty to use the Boylston school house on Fort hill for a Sabbath school by the Society for "Moral & Religious Instruction of the Poor" was granted under restriction of the committee of section No. 2.—

[253.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29th, 1820 — Present the whole Board.—

The application of Henry Chapman & Co., praying that the rent of the land leased by the town to them may be remitted in consequence of the late fire — voted, that the last years rent be remitted.—

The application of the School Committee, to have twenty fire buckets placed in each of the public school houses, was granted & Mr. Loring requested to procure the same.

The Chairman was requested to have a dinner provided for the Board on the 3d April & to invite the Selectmen of the past year, the Secretary & Treasurer of the Commonwealth, the Hon. John Phillips, County & Town Treasurers, Sheriff of Suffolk, Rev. Mr. Sharp & Rev. Mr. Dean, to dine with them.—

Recommendation was signed to the Overseers of the Poor in favour of Jacob Amee to obtain Mary Langdon as an apprentice from the alms house.—

Passed upon a number of applications for approbation of victuallers &c.

The application of the occupants of vegetable stalls in the market for repairs, was committed to the committee of the Market.—

[**254.**] At a Meeting April 5th, 1820 — Present the whole Board.

Application of Turner Phillips Esq. to deliver up papers &c to persons authorized by this Board,— was committed to Messrs. Wells, Austin & Fitch.— with full power to adjust the account & receive the papers from Mr. Phillips.

Application of a committee of the Fire Wards, to appropriate land for the use of the fire men — was referred to Messrs. Loring, Fitch & Wells.—

Application of Samuel Parkman Esq. & others, to erect a portico at the east end of Faneuil Hall, was referred to the committee of the Market—

Special Meeting — Present the whole Board — April 7th, 1820—

Voted, that we will exercise the power vested in us by law, restraining certain streets from the incumbrance of auctions.

Voted, That the Chairman be instructed not to grant a license for an auction office in State street.—

Voted, That Caleb Hayward be appointed police officer; captain of the watch, & tythingman: — and his salary for those three offices be fixed at the rate of nine hundred dollars per annum — during the pleasure of the Selectmen.—

Mr. Samuel Phillips was chosen hay weigher.

Voted, that Nathaniel Meriam be appointed Clerk of the Market — and that his salary be fixed at and after the rate of [**255.**] eight hundred dollars per annum, exclusive of any commissions for collecting rents &c. during the pleasure of the Selectmen.—

Application of Noah Brooks relative to extending road at South Boston. Referred to committee of section No. 4.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 12th, 1820. Present the whole Board.—

The overseers of the poor having applied to this Board for their assistance in carrying into effect a law of this commonwealth passed the 25th. day of February last, on the subject of paupers, &c. — And the two Boards having met, it was proposed that each Board should appoint two persons, who with the Chairman of the Selectmen should be a committee to examine the law and report what was necessary to be done on the subject. — Messrs. Austin & Wells, were chosen on the part of the Selectmen.—

Voted, that the Chairman instruct the superintendent of lamps to discontinue lighting after Saturday next, to place the ladders burners &c in Faneuil Hall & let the lamps remain in the streets—

Voted, That the Chairman & Mr. Austin be a committee to superintend the regulation of the clocks.—

[**256.**] The application of a number of citizens for continuing Sumner street to Bowdoin street was referred to the committee of section No. 3.—

Voted, that the Town Clerk be instructed to furnish the Chairman of every committee appointed by this Board with the names of the committee & the subject committed to them.—

The committee appointed to take into consideration a proposal made by David Sears Esq. "to purchase a portion of land belonging to him situated in Elm street, in order to enlarge that street," report, that as the boundary of this land drawn in a straight line from the adjacent buildings, would only widen & enlarge the street immediately within the bounds of said Sears, and would give no additional width, or extent to the street either above or below, they are not disposed to take any measures upon that subject

Benjamin Austin, pr. order.

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

[**257.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 19th, 1820 — Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.

The Application of Luther Ellis, in behalf of himself & David Hinckley, on the subject of land taken into Blossom street, by the town — was referred to Messrs. Wells, Loring & Fitch.—

Mr. David Jones was licensed as an auctioneer at No. 6. Ann street.—

The committee chosen to take into consideration the application of sundry persons residing on Mount Vernon and its vicinity, requesting that a new street may be opened which will unite Sumner with Bowdoin street, &c. have attended to the duty assigned them, and report; — that, in their opinion, it is inexpedient to unite the two streets as the advantages to be gained thereby, as stated in their application, may be equally well obtained by reducing the summit of Sumner street to a level with that of Bowdoin street, commencing at the junction of Hancock street with the former, levelling it to the same height as Bowdoin street, from thence to land owned by D. D. Rodgers Esquire and from thence giving a gradual and easy descent to Beacon street, by which, the access to Mount Vernon may be made equally safe and commodious, as it would be by the proposed communication.— The committee therefore recommend this measure to be adopted and that the gravel which will thereby be obtained [**258.**] be applied to the repairing of the public walks in and about the Common.—

S. A. Wells, per order.

Boston April 18th, 1820.—

The foregoing report, was read & accepted.—

Application of Thomas K. Jones & others on the subject of a drain under Merchants Hall, was committed to Messrs. Loring, Fitch & Wells.

The application of Mr. Joy for allowance for expence on Beacon street, the last year, was referred to the committee of section No. 3.—

Voted, that the Chairman be requested to make arrangements with Mr. Copeland, for the regulation of the Mall & Common, on election and other public days.—

The application of Edward Tuckerman Esq. & others on the subject of widening Brattle street, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Fitch, Loring & Billings.—

The Board came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration on the 4th. of July next; — And voted, that the Rev. Edward Everett be requested to deliver the annual oration, before the town on the next anniversary of American inde-

pendence on the 4th. day of July next, and that the Chairman be requested to communicate notice thereof to Mr. Everett.—

[**259.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Saturday 22d, 1820. — Present the whole Board, except Mr. Austin.—

The Chairman communicated a letter from Rev. Mr. Everett, wherein that gentleman declines accepting the appointment of orator for the 4th. of July.— Whereupon the Board came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration on the 4th. July next;— and voted unanimously, that Theodore Lyman Junr. Esq. be requested to deliver the annual oration, before the town on the next Anniversary of American Independence on the 4th. day of July next, and that the Chairman be requested to communicate notice thereof to Mr. Lyman.

Eliphalet Williams Esq. was chosen treasurer of the Board of Selectmen.

The committee appointed to superintend the town clocks, reported, that they had agreed with Messrs. Adams & Eaton to take charge of them (four in number) the present year for the sum of one hundred & ten dollars.—

The Chairman was requested to advertise for a messenger for this Board; that his salary be fixed at the rate of three hundred & sixty five dollars per annum, & that he be elected during the pleasure of the Board.—

[**260.**] Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to furnish the family of Saml. Champney with such necessaries as he may think proper, not exceeding the amount of one month's pay.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 26. 1820. Present the whole Board, except Mr. Austin.

An application to pave Common street from Hamilton Place to Winter street, was referred to the committee of section No. 3.

The application of Mr. S. Hyde to lease lots of land on the Neck was referred to the committee of section No. 4.

An application to open a street from Merimack street to Leverett street — was referred to the whole Board.

The application of a number of the inhabitants, that the easterly part of Prince street may be new paved the present season was referred to the committee of section No. 1. to view & report.

[**261.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3d. 1820.— Present the whole Board except Mr. Austin.

The Chairman reported, that he had leased the bull pasture to Mr. William Fiske for one year at the rent of thirty dollars.

Voted, that a number of constable's poles be provided sufficient to make the whole number twenty four.— Also that a suitable badge be provided for the police officer.— The Chairman, Messrs. Wells & Loring a committee to procure the same.—

On the application of Thomas Badger, John Brazer & Wm. Ingalls Esqrs. in behalf of the Republican Citizens of Boston, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the 4th. July next,— It was voted, unanimously that the request be granted.—

The application of Josiah Knapp Esq. on the subject of the south watch house, was committed to the whole Board.

Voted, that the Chairman be instructed to have the Selectmen's room repaired, by painting, papering &c.—

[**262.**] The application of the Board of Health on the subject of a drain in Gooch street was committed to Messrs. Loring & Fitch.

The application to open a new street, from Orange street to Front street, was committed to the whole Board.—

An application from a committee of the Board of Fire Wards to appoint a company of firemen, was referred to Messrs. Loring, Fitch & Wells.

Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen May 4th. 1820. Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fitch & Wells.

The Chairman having announced to the Board, that Hon. Benjamin Austin, a member of this Board, had deceased this morning.

It was voted, as a testimony of respect for the memory of Hon. Benjamin Austin, deceased, our late associate at the Board of Selectmen, we will attend the interment of his remains on Saturday next. and that the members of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, of the School Committee of the Board of Health, the Firewards, and other Town Officers, be also requested to attend.

Attest, Thomas Clark. Town Clerk.

N. B. the above was inserted in the public papers.

[**263.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 10th, 1820. Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

The application of Jabez Wilson & others on the subject of a road at South Boston, was referred to the Committee of section No. 4.—

Sealed proposals were received and opened, for building a fence on the Common; when it appeared that, Ebenezer White's proposals were seventy cents per foot, Edward Gray sixty cents, & John Cushing & Elijah Hunt's fifty cents per foot, the latter of which proposals was accepted by the Board, & the Chairman authorized to make a contract with Messrs. Cushing & Hunt; the work to be done under the inspection of the committee of the Common.—

A communication was received from the justices of the Court of Sessions, on the subject of opening a street, from Merimack to Leverett streets, requesting this Board to meet them at the grand jurors room in the New Court House on Friday afternoon next; The Board voted to attend.

The application of Henry Sargent Esq. for the use of Faneuil Hall, for the purpose of exhibiting his painting of the landing of the Fathers, was granted, under such regulations & restrictions as shall be required by the Chairman.—

[**264.**] The subject of regulating the watch was committed to Messrs. Wells, Loring & Fitch.

The Chairman was instructed to provide a dinner on the 15th instant for the Board and to invite as guests the following gentlemen, viz. the members of the former Board of Selectmen, the Hon. John Phillips, Rev. Messrs. Sharp, Dean & Ware and the Town Treasurer.—

The committee to whom was referred the request of Messrs. T & E. Motley for permission to receive and deliver goods outside of their store &c. have attended to their duty & ask leave to report.— That it is the opinion of your committee, that very little danger or inconvenience will occur to the inhabitants of this town by permitting Messrs. Motley's to receive & deliver goods agreeable to their petition— your committee would therefore recommend that their request be granted — all which is respectfully submitted

Saml. Billings, Chairman.

The foregoing report was accepted by the Board.

[**265.**] Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen May 12th, 1820 — Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

Whereas William Whall and others, residing in Atkinson street, have represented to the Selectmen that the drain or common sewer in that street has gone to decay, and prays the same may be opened and repaired at the expense of the proprietors.—

Ordered, That said William Whall notify all the proprietors of said drain or common sewer by advertising in the Boston Daily Advertiser, & Boston Patriot & Daily Mercantile Advertiser, six times in each, the last advertisement to be at least three days before the 25th. day of May instant, to all persons interested or who may be benefited by such repairs, to appear at the Selectmen's room, Faneuil Hall any day previous to said twenty fifth day of May, from 12 to 1. o'clock, and shew cause, if any they have, why the said drain or common sewer should not be opened and repaired, and the expense thereof assessed according to law

By order of the Selectmen
Eliphalet Williams, Chairman.

(Copy of) Notice

All persons who are proprietors in the drain or common sewer leading from Otis place Marlboro', Franklin & High streets, Round Lane Federal & Sister streets, Federal Court, Berry, Atkinson, Milk, Broad & Commercial streets, are [**266.**] hereby notified to appear at the Selectmen's Room any day from 12 until 1. o'clock, Sundays excepted, previous to the 25th. instant, and shew cause, if any they have, why the subscriber should not be authorized to open, cleanse and repair said drain or common sewer, and the expense be assessed on all the proprietors who may be benefited, in proportion as their drains connect therewith, according to law.

(Signed) William Whall

Boston May 12th, 1820.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 17th, 1820. Present the whole Board.—

Whereas Jonathan Wright has represented to the Selectmen of Boston that the drain or common sewer in Jarvis' Row has gone to decay and prays that the same may be opened and repaired at the expense of the proprietors.—

Ordered, that said Jonathan Wright notify all the proprietors of said drain or common sewer, by giving personal notice of this order, or leaving a written copy of the same with each proprietor, at least seven days previous to the 27th. of

May, instant, to all persons interested or who may be benefited by such repairs, to appear at the Selectmen's room, Faneuil Hall, any day (Sunday excepted) previous to the said 27th. day of May instant between the hours of 12 & 1. o'clock, and shew cause, [**267.**] if any they have, why such drain or common sewer should not be opened & repaired, & the expense thereof assessed according to law.

By order of the Selectmen.
(Signd) Elip Williams Chairman.

The application of John D. Howard Jur. to be authorized to raise a company of firemen was referred to Messrs. Loring, Fitch & Wells.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the claim of Luther Ellis & David Hinckley Esqrs. to land alleged to have been taken by the town, and forming a part (of Blossom street at the westerly part) of the town, have attended to that service and report:—

That after as full an investigation & examination of the subject as its nature would admit the committee were unanimously of opinion, that no right exists in the said Ellis & Hinckley to any part of the land composing the said street, and that their claim has no foundation in equity.

Respectfully submitted
S. A. Wells pr. order.

Boston May 16, 1820.—

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

The Chairman was authorized to employ Mr. Taylor to survey that part of Elm street near the building erecting for a new tavern; and [**268.**] requested to meet such members of the board as could attend tomorrow morning at 9. o'clock at that place & take possession of the land belonging to the town.—

The Chairman & Mr. Baxter were authorized to ascertain whether the Rev. Mr. Lowell can legally hold his seat as one of the School Committee.—

The Chairman was instructed to advertise for sealed proposals to do the paving of the streets the present year — application to be made prior to the 1st. June.

The subject of the south watch house near Mr. Knapps land, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock & Wells.

The Chairman was authorized to make a contract with

Messrs. John Cushing & Elisha Hunt, to build a fence on the east side of the new Mall, at the rate of fifty cents per foot running measure.

Attest, Tho Clark, Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen May 20th, 1820.—Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Babcock, Billings & Wells. —

Warrant was signed for town meeting on the 29th. instant.—

[**269.**] The Chairman reported, that (accompanied by Messrs. Babcock, Fitch & Wells,) he has proceeded to Elm street with Mr. Wi liam Taylor, and measured from the corner of the store belonging to the heirs of Samuel Torrey deceased, in a straight line leading westerly to the corner of the stable belonging to Mrs. Bray, late the property of Samuel Eliot Esq. deceased, nineteen feet six inches on that line, being the town's property taken from Paine & Gurley September 29th 1801.— then continued the same line thirteen & one half feet further to the corner of the building now erecting for a tavern house attached to the new market being thirty three feet in all from the corner of Torrey's buildings — The width of the street will now be from this corner to Pattersons house opposite, twenty six feet and six inches — possession was taken of the same in behalf of the town.— Report accepted.

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 24th, 1820. Present the whole Board.

On the application of Stephen Fairbanks a complaint was made to the Judge of Probate against John David, & requesting a guardian for him — see letter book.—

The Chairman reported that he, with Mr. Baxter had visited South Boston, & had agreed with Joseph Woodward Esq. to oversee the making the new road as laid out by the Board; expense estimated about $130.—

The Chairman was requested to notify [**270.**] the proprietors of Mill Pond Corporation to complete their drain from the bottom of Gooch street — see letter book.—

The Chairman was instructed to advertise for from 3. to 500 tons gravel, to be delivered on the Neck.—

Voted, that the committee of each section be authorized

to make such repairs on the School house as may be found necessary within their respective districts, during the present vacation.

The application of Josiah Knapp Esq. to have by laws passed, for the better regulation of Boylston Market, was referred to the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock & Wells. —

The Chairman reported, that the land on which the engine house No. 13. at present stands, was sold & that it was necessary that the house should be removed immediately — Messrs. Hunt & Wells were appointed a committee to procure a piece of land for the engine house.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1st, 1820.— Present the whole Board.—

Voted, that the committee who were authorized to procure a piece of land to place the engine house, of engine No. 13 — upon, be limited to the sum of two hundred dollars for the purchase of the same.—

Voted,— That so much of the by-laws for regulating the stands for carts, trucks & sleds in the town of Boston, passed the 19th day of May 1820.— placing on the east end of Milk street next to Broad street, and ten trucks in Commercial street, be repealed — and the same five trucks placed in Milk street, be authorized to stand in Commercial street.

I certify that the foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston from the 1st day of September A D 1818 — to May 24th. 1820.— both days included.—

Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK TWENTY-THIRD.

[1.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 17. 1820. Present Messrs. Benjamin Austin, Daniel Baxter, Jonathan Loring, Eliphalet Williams & Jeremiah Fitch.—

The oath of office was administered to all the above named gentlemen, by the Town Clerk.—

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clk.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, March 21st 1820 — Present — Messrs. Austin, Baxter, Loring, Williams, Fitch, Samuel Billings, Abram Babcock, Robert Fennelly & Samuel Adams Wells.—

Voted to proceed to the choice of a chairman.

Messrs. Wells & Fitch were appointed a committee to receive, sort & count the votes.—

Ballots being taken it appeared that Eliphalet Williams, Esq. was chosen.

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

[2.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 22d. 1820 — Present Messrs. Williams, Austin, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.

The Town Clerk informed the Board, that he had administered the oath of office to Messrs. Billings, Fennelly, Babcock, & Wells.—

34 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

Voted, that the Board be divided into committees as follows. Viz.—

Section No. 1. to be assigned to Messrs. Babcock & Fennelly — Wards No. 1. 2. & 3 —

Section No. 2 to Messrs. Billings & Fitch & to consist of Wards No. 4. 5 & 9.—
Section No. 3 to Messrs. Austin, Loring & Wells to consist of Wards No. 6. 7. 8 & 10.—
Section No. 4 to Messrs. Baxter & Wells to consist of Wards No. 11 & 12.—

Messrs. Williams, Fitch & Babcock, committee of the Market.

[3.] Mr. Loring committee of Hay Scales.

Messrs. Fitch, Loring & Wells, committee on the Town House.

Messrs. Austin, Loring & Wells committee on the Common.

Messrs. Baxter, & Wells committee on the Neck.

The police officer was authorized to dispose of the manure in the streets, under the direction of the Chairman.—

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 24th 1820 — Present the whole board.—

On the application of Benjamin Russell, William Sullivan & Stephen Codman Esq's in behalf of the Federal Citizens of this town for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of the 2d. April next.

It was voted unanimously that the request be granted.—

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clk.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 29th. 1820 — Present the whole board.—

[4.] A communication was received from David Sears Esq. offering the town a portion of his land in Elm street, for the purpose of widening that street, which being read, was committed to Messrs. Austin, Loring & Billings.

A remonstrance was received from a number of the inhabitants occupying stores in Broad street; against trucks, &c. being allowed to stand in that street — which was read & committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock, Billings & Wells.—

An application from the proprietors of St. Pauls church for a portion of the street was committed to the Chairman, granting

liberty on condition they build a substantial board fence, lay a plank walk & leave the street thirty feet wide until their building shall be completed.—

Alan Pollock was chosen Sealer of Weights & Measures.

James Wilson was appointed Town Cryer, during the pleasure of the Board.

Caleb Loring Jr. was chosen Sealer & Weigher of Boats & Lighters. —

[5.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29. 1820 — Present the whole board.

The application of Henry Chapman & Co. praying that the rent of the land leased by the town to them may be remitted in consequence of the late fire ———— Voted that the last year's rent be remitted.

The application of the School Committee, to have twenty-five buckets placed in each of the public school houses, was granted & Mr. Loring requested to procure the same.

The Chairman was requested to have a dinner provided for the Board on the 3d April & to invite the Selectmen of the past year, the Secretary & Treasurer of the Commonwealth, the Hon. John Phillips, County & Town Treasurer, Sheriff of Suffolk, Rev. Mr. Sharp & Revd. Mr. Dean, to dine with them.

Recommendation was signed to the overseers of the poor in favour of Jacob Amee to obtain Mary Langdon as an apprentice from the alms house.

[4.] Passed upon a number of applications for approbation of victuallers &c.—

The application of the occupants of vegetable stalls in the market for repairs, was committed to the committee of the Market.

At a Meeting April 5, 1820 — Present the whole Board.

Application of Turner Phillips Esq. to deliver up papers &c. to persons authorized by this board — was committed to Messrs. Wells, Austin & Fitch.— with full power to adjust the account & receive the papers from Mr. Phillips.—

Application of a committee of the Fire Wards, to appropriate land for the use of the fire men — was referred to Messrs. Loring, Fitch & Wells.—

Application of Samuel Parkman Esq. & others, to erect a portico at the east end of Faneuil Hall, was referred to the committee [**5.**] of the Market.

Present the whole Board — April 7,. 1820.—

Voted, that we will exercise the power vested in us by law, restraining certain streets from incumbrance of auctions.—

Voted, that the Chairman be instructed not to grant a license for an auction office in State street.

Voted, that Caleb Hayward be appointed police officer; Captain of Watch, & Tythingman: — and his salary for those three offices be fixed at the rate of Nine hundred dollars pr. annum during the pleasure of the Selectmen.—

Mr. Samuel Phillips was chosen Hay Weigher.—

Voted, that Nathaniel Meriam be appointed Clerk of the Market — and that his salary be fixed at and after the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum exclusive of any commissions for collecting rents &c. during the pleasure of the Selectmen.—

Application of Noah Brooks relative to extending road at South Boston referred to Committee of Section No. 4.—

[**6.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 12th, 18[20]— Present the whole board.—

The Overseers of the Poor having applied to this Board for their assistance in carrying into effect a law of this Commonwealth passed the 25th. day of February last on the subject of paupers, &c.— and the two boards having met, it was proposed that each board should appoint two persons, who with the Chairman of the Selectmen should be a committee to examine the law and report what was necessary to be done on the subject — Messrs. Austin & Wells were chosen on the part of the Selectmen—

Voted that the Chairman instruct the Superintendent of Lamps to discontinue lighting after Saturday next, to place the ladders, burners &c. in Faneuil Hall & let the lamps remain in the streets.

Voted that the Chairman & Mr. Austin be a committee to superintend the regulation of the clock.—

[**7.**] The application of a number of citizens for continuing Sumner street to Bowdoin street was referred to the committee of Section No. 3—

Voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to furnish the Chairman of every committee appointed by this Board with the names of the committee & the subject committed to them.—

The Committee appointed to take into consideration a proposal made by David Sears Esq. to purchase a portion of land belonging to him situated in Elm street, in order to enlarge that street, "Report, that as the boundary of this land drawn in a straight line from the adjacent buildings, would only widen & enlarge the street immediately within the bounds of said Sears, and would give no additional width, or extent to the street either above or below, they are not disposed to take any measures upon that subject.

Benjamin Austin, per order.

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

(Signd.) Thomas Clark, Town Clerk.

[8.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 19, 1820 — Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.

The application of Luther Ellis, in behalf of himself & David Hinckley, on the subject of land taken into Blossom street by the Town — was referred to Messrs. Wells, Loring & Fitch.

Mr. David Jones was licensed as an auctioneer at No. 6 Ann street.—

The committee chosen to take into consideration the application of sundry persons residing on Mount Vernon and its vicinity requesting that a new street may be opened which will unite Sumner with Bowdoin street, &c. have attended to the duty assigned them, and report; that in their opinion, it is inexpedient to unite the two streets as the advantages to be gained thereby as stated in their application, may be equally well obtained by reducing the summit of Sumner street to a level with that of Bowdoin street, commencing at the junction of Hancock street with the former, levelling it to the same height [9.] As Bowdoin street, from thence to land owned by D. D. Rogers Esquire and from thence giving a gradual and easy descent to Beacon street, by which, the access to Mount Vernon may be made equally safe and commodious, as it would be by the proposed communication.—

The committee therefore recommend this measure to be adopted and that the gravel which will thereby be obtained be applied to the repairing of the Public walks in and about the Common.—

S. A. Wells. Per order.

Boston April 18. 1820 —

The foregoing report was read & accepted.—

Application of Thomas K. Jones and others on the subject of a drain under Merchants Hall, was committed to Messrs. Loring, Fitch & Wells.

The application of Mrs. Joy for allowance for expence on Beacon street, the last year, was referred to the Committee of Section No. 3.

Voted that the Chairman be requested to make arrangements with Mr. Copeland, for the regulation of the Mall & Common, on Election and [**10.**] other public days.—

The application of Edward Tuckerman Esq. & others on the subject of widening Brattle street, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Fitch, Loring & Billings.

The Board came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration on the 4th. of July next;— And voted, that the Revd. Edward Everett be requested to deliver the annual oration, before the town on the next anniversary of American Independence on the 4th. day of July next, and that the Chairman be requested to communicate notice thereof to Mr. Everett.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Saturday 22d. 1820 — Present the whole Board, except Mr. Austin.—

The Chairman communicated a letter from Revd. Mr. Everett, wherein that gentleman declines accepting the appointment of orator for the 4th. of July.— Whereupon The Board came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration on the 4th. July next; and voted unanimously, [**11.**] That Theodore Lyman Junr. Esq. be requested to deliver the annual oration, before the town on the next anniversary of American Independence on the 4th. day of July next, and that the Chairman be requested to communicate notice thereof to Mr. Lyman.

Eliphalet Williams Esq. was chosen treasurer of the Board of Selectmen.

The committee appointed to superintend the town clocks, reported, that they had agreed with Messrs. Adams & Eaton to take charge of them (four in number) the present year for the sum of one hundred & ten dollars.—

The Chairman was requested to advertize for a messenger for this Board; that his salary be paid at the rate of three

hundred & sixty five dollars Per annum; & that he be elected during the pleasure of the Board.—

Voted that the Chairman be authorized to furnish the family of Saml. Champney with such necessaries as he may think proper, not exceeding the amount of one month's pay.

[**12.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 26th. 1820. Present the whole Board, except Mr. Austin.

An application to pave Common street, from Hamilton Place to Winter street was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.

The application of Mr. S. Hyde to lease lots of land on the Neck was referred to the Committee of Section No. 4.—

An application to open a street from Merimack street to Leverett street — was referred to the whole Board.—

The application of a number of the inhabitants, that the easterly part of Prince street may be new paved the present season was referred to the committee of Section No. 1 to view & report.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3d. 1820 — Present the whole Board, except Mr. Austin.—

[**13.**] The Chairman reported, that he had leased the Bull pasture to Mr. William Fiske for one year at the rent of thirty dollars.

Voted, that a number of constables poles be provided sufficient to make the whole number twenty four. Also that a suitable badge be provided for the police officer.

The Chairman Messrs. Wells & Loring a committee to procure the same.

On the application of Thomas Badger, John Brazer & William Ingalls Esqrs. in behalf of the Republicans Citizens of Boston, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the 4th. July next — It was Voted, unanimously that the request be granted.—

The application of Josiah Knapp Esq. on the subject of the south watch house, was committed to the whole Board.—

Voted, that the Chairman be instructed to have the Selectmen's Room repaired by painting, papering &c.—

The application of the Board of Health on the subject of a drain in Gooch street was committed to Messrs. Loring & Fitch.

[**14.**] The application to open a new street from Orange street to Front street, was committed to the whole Board.—

An application from a committee of the Board of Fire Wards, to appoint a company of fire men, was referred to Messrs. Loring Fitch & Wells.—

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen May 4, 1820.—Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fitch & Wells.—

The Chairman having announced to the Board, that [the] Hon. Benjamin Austin a member of this Board, had deceased this morning.

It was voted, as a testimony of respect for the memory of Hon. Benjamin Austin deceased, our late associate at the Board of Selectmen, we will attend the interment of his remains on Saturday next, and that the members of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, of the School Committee of the Board of Health, the Firewards, and other town officers, be also requested to attend.—

(Copy) Attest, Thomas Clark Town Clerk.

N. B. The above was inserted in the public papers.

[**15.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen May 10th. 1820—Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

The application of Jabez Wilson & others the subject of a road at South Boston, was referred to the committee of Section No. 4.—

Sealed proposals were received and opened, for building a fence on the Common; when it appeared that, Ebenezer White's proposals were seventy cents per foot, Edward Gray sixty cents, & John Cushing & Elijah Hunt's fifty cents per foot, the latter of which proposals was accepted by the Board, & the Chairman authorized to make a contract with Messrs. Cushing & Hunt, the work to be done under the inspection of the committee of the Common.

A communication was received from the Justices of the Court of Sessions, on the subject of opening a street from Merimack to Leverett streets, requesting this Board to meet them at the grand jurors room in the new Court House on Friday afternoon next.

The Board voted to attend.

[16.] The application of Henry Sargent Esq. for the use of Faneuil Hall, for the purpose of exhibiting his painting of the landing of the Fathers, was granted, under such regulations & restrictions as shall be required by the Chairman.—

The subject of regulating the watch was committed to Messrs. Wells, Loring, & Fitch.

The Chairman was instructed to provide a dinner on the 15th. instant for the Board, and to invite as guests the following gentlemen, Viz. the members of the former Board of Selectmen the Hon. John Phillips Revd. Messrs. Sharp, Dean & Ware and the Town Treasurer.—

The committee to whom was referred the request of Messrs. T & E. Motley for permission to receive and deliver goods outside of their store &c. have attended to their duty & ask leave to report.

That it is the opinion of your committee, that very little danger or inconvenience will occur to the inhabitants of this town by permitting Messrs. Motley's to receive & deliver goods agreeable to their petition—Your committee would therefore recommend that their request be granted—all which is respectfully submitted.

(Copy) Saml. Billings chairman.

The foregoing report was accepted by the Board.

[17.] Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen May 12. 1820—Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.

Whereas William Whall and others, residing in Atkinson street, have represenred to the Selectmen that the drain or common sewer in that street has gone to decay, and prays the same may be opened and repaired at the expense of the proprietors.

Ordered that said William Whall notify all the proprietors of said drain or common sewer by advertising in the Boston Daily Advertiser, & Boston Patriot & Daily Mercantile Advertiser six times in each, the last advertisement to be at least three days before the 25th. day of May instant, to all persons interested or who may be benefited by such repairs, to appear at the selectmen's room, Faneuil Hall any day previous to said twenty fifth day of May from 12 to 1. o'clock and show cause, if any they have, why the said drain or common sewer should not be opened and repaired, and the expense thereof assessed according to law.

By order of the Selectmen.
(signd., Eliphalet Williams, Chairman.

[18.] (Copy of) Notice

All persons who are proprietors in the drain or common sewer. leading through Cotton Alley & Hatter square, from Otis place Marlboro, Franklin & High streets, Round Lane Federal & Sister streets, Federal Court, Berry, Atkinson, Milk, Broad & Commercial streets. are hereby notified to appear at the Selectmen's room, any day from 12 until 1. o.clock, Sundays excepted, previous to the 25. instant, and shew cause, if any they have, why the subscriber should not be authorized to open, cleanse and repair said drain or common sewer, and the expense be assessed on all the proprietors who may be benefited, in proportion as their drains connect therewith, according to law.—

(Signed, William Whall

Boston May 12, 1820.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen May 17th. 1820. Present the whole Board.

Whereas Jonathan Wright has represented to the Selectmen of Boston that the drain or common sewer in Jarvis' Row has gone to decay and prays that the same may be opened and repaired at the expense of the proprietors—

Ordered, That said Jonathan Wright notify all the proprietors of said drain or common sewer, by giving personal notice of this order, or leaving a written copy of the same with each [19.] proprietor at least seven days previous to the 27th. of May, instant, to all persons interested or who may be benefited by such repairs to appear at the Selectmen's room, Faneuil Hall, any day (Sunday excepted) previous to the said 27th day of May instant, between the hours of 12 & 1 o.clock, and shew cause if any they have, why such drain or common sewer should not be opened & repaired, & the expense thereof assessed according to law.

By order of the Selectmen

(Signd.) Elip Williams Chairman.

The application of John D. Howard Jr. to be authorized to raise a company of fire men was referred to Messrs. Loring, Fitch & Wells.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the claim of Luther Ellis & David Hinckley Esqrs. to land alleged to have been taken by the town and forming a part of Blossom street at the westerly part of the town have attended to that service and report;

That after as full an investigation & examination of the subject as its nature would admit the committee were unani-

mously [of the] opinion, that no right exists in the said Ellis & Hinckley to any part of the land composing the said street and that their claim has no foundation in equity.

Respectfully submitted
(signd.) S. A. Wells Per order

Boston May 16. 1820.—

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

[20.] The Chairman was authorised to employ Mr. Taylor to survey that part of Elm street near the building erecting for a new tavern; and requested to meet such members of the Board as could attend tomorrow morning at 9 o clock at that place & take possession of the land belonging to the town.

The Chairman & Mr. Baxter were authorized to ascertain whether the Rev. Mr. Lowell can legally hold his seat as one of the School Committee.

The Chairman was instructed to advertize for sealed proposals to do the paving of the streets the present year — application to be made prior to the 1st June.—

The subject of the south watch house near Mr. Knapps land, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock & Wells.

The Chairman was authorized to make a contract with Messrs. John Cushing & Elisha Hunt to build a fence on the east side of the new mall, at the rate of fifty cents per foot running measure.

(Signd., Thos. Clark Town Clerk.

[21.] Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen May 20th. 1820.— Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Babcock, Billings & Wells.—

Warrant was signed for town meeting on the 29th. instant.—

The Chairman reported, that (accompanied by Messrs. Babcock, Fitch & Wells) he had proceeded to Elm street with Mr. William Taylor, and measured from the corner of the store belonging to the heirs of Samuel Torrey, deceased, in a straight line leading westerly to the corner of the stable belonging to Mrs. Bray, late the property of Samuel Elliot Esq., deceased; nineteen feet six inches on that line, being the town's property taken from Paine & Gurley September 29. 1801.— then continued the same line thirteen & one half feet further to the corner of the building now erecting for a tavern house attached to the New Market being thirty three feet in all

from the corner of Torrey's buildings — The width of the street will now be from this corner to Pattersons house opposite, twenty six feet and six inches — Possession was taken of the same in behalf of the town.— Report accepted

(Signed) Thos. Clark, Town Clerk.

[22.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen May 24. 1820. Present the whole Board.

On the application of Stephen Fairbanks a complaint was made to the Judge of Probate against John David, & requesting a guardian for him — see letter book.—

The Chairman reported that he, with Mr. Baxter had visited South Boston, & had agreed with Joseph Woodward Esq. to oversee the making the new road as laid out by the Board, expense estimated about $130.

The Chairman was requested to notify the proprietors of [the] Mill Pond Corporation to complete their drain from the bottom of Gooch street see letter book.—

The Chairman was instructed to advertise for from 3. to 500 tons gravel, to be delivered on the Neck.—

Voted, that the committee of each section be authorized to make such repairs on the school houses as may be found necessary within their respective districts, during the present vacation.

[23.] The application of Josiah Knapp Esq. to have bye laws passed, for the better regulation of Boylston Market, was referred to the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock & Wells.

The Chairman reported, that the land on which the engine house No. 13, at present stands was sold, & that it was necessary that the house should be removed immediately — Messrs. Fitch & Wells were appointed a committee to procure a piece of land for the engine house.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 1st. 1820.— Present the whole board.—

Voted that the committee who were authorized to procure a piece of land to place the engine house, of engine No. 13 — upon, be limited to the sum of two hundred dollars for the purchase of the same.—

Voted,— That so much of the bye-laws for regulating the stands for carts, trucks & sleds in the town of Boston, passed

the 19th. day of May, 1820 — placing on the east end of Milk street (five trucks) next to Broad street, and ten trucks in Commercial street, be repealed — and the same five trucks placed in Milk street, be authorized to stand in Commercial street, [**24.**] between Broad and Battery March streets, and the same ten trucks permitted to stand in Commercial street, between Broad & India streets.

By order of the Selectmen.

(Copy) Elipht. Williams, Chairman.

(Copy) Attest Thomas Clark, Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Room Boston, June 1st. 1820 —

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 7th, 1820 — Present the whole Board.—

Ordered, That from and after the first day of July next, no cart, waggon, or sled, with beef, mutton, or vegetables for sale, shall be allowed to stand in either Orange, Newbury, Boylston or Essex streets. No carriages, containing provisions of any kind, nor any empty carriage shall be allowed to stand in Boylston street.

Carriages containing provisions, other than beef, mutton, and vegetables, shall be allowed to stand in Orange street in front of the market house, in one line, on the west side of the street, leaving three spaces for entrances to the market house, to be designated by the Clerk of the Market.

[**25.**] *And it is hereby Ordered,* in pursuance of the authority vested in the Selectmen, that if any person shall offend against either of the above rules and orders, he shall forfeit & pay the sum of five dollars upon conviction of every breach thereof.—

And it is further Ordered, that so much of the bye laws regulating the stands of carts, wagons, or sleds, at the Boylston Market, passed 22d. July, 1812, be and they hereby are repealed.

By order of the Selectmen,
Eliphalet Williams Chairman.
Attest, Thomas Clark, Town Clerk.

The application of the First Baptist Church to (occasionally) occupy a piece of land at the west end of Charter street, which is daily covered by the tide, for the purpose of administering the rite of baptism; — was referred to the committee of Section No. 1. —

The committee of the Market, reported, that the rents of the stalls in the vegetable market, be as follows ———— viz ———— per week ————

Stalls in the building by the engine house — No. 1. $2 — Nos. 2. 3. 4 & 5. $1.50 — No. 6. $3.

Stalls in the vegetable row —
No. 1 ——— $1.12½
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 — $0.87½ cents ———
Nos. 10 & 11 ..... $1.12½ cents
Nos. 12, 13, 14 & 15 ..... 50 cents.
[26.] Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 ..... $1.12½ —
Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 62½ cents
Nos. 26, 27 & 28 — 37½ cents
No. 29 ..... 50 cents
Nos. 30 & 31 ..... $1.12½
Nos. 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 & 39 — 75 cents.
Nos. 40 & 41 ..... $1.12½ —
Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, & 49 ..... 75 cents
Nos. 50 & 51 ..... $1.12½
No. 52 ..... 50 cents
Nos. 53, 54, 55, 56 & 57 ..... 37½ cents
No. 60 ..... $2.—
Nos. 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 & 67 ..... 37½ cents
x x x x x
Nos. 68 & 69 ..... 75 cents
Nos. 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76 & 77 ..... 62½ cents
x x x
No. 78 ..... 75 cents

x. — Vacant stalls.

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

Ordered, that the drain in Atkinson street be laid with two inch plank crosswise and the sides built with ranging timber 6 by 12 inches, and covered with the same.

The arrangement of the watch was committed to Messrs. Wells & Fitch.

The Chairman was requested to instruct the police officer to call on owners of hackney carriages to renew their licenses.

Messrs. Babcock, Billings, Wells, Baxter & Child a comm^ee. to select persons to pave the streets

Thos. K. Jones & Co. & Tho' Brewer to be notified to repair their side walks in front of Merchants Hall.— see page 30 — for Mill Pond drain —

[27.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 14th. 1820 — Present, the whole Board.—

David W. Child Esq. having been chosen a member of the Board, at the last town meeting, appeared & took his seat.—

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Child, by the Town Clerk.—

The application of the African Society for liberty to form a procession & march through the streets of the town, on the 14th. July next, their annual celebration of the abolition of Slavery; — was granted.—

Aaron Pollard was licensed as a common cryer, during the pleasure of the Board.

The Chairman informed the Board that he, with Mr. Wells, had applied to the Legislature of the Commonwealth, and requested them to co-operate with the Selectmen in improving Sumner street.—

The application of Henry J. Oliver Esq, to have the bell of the Second church rung at 7. o'clock, A. M.— was granted — & the Chairman was requested to give orders accordingly.

[**28.**] The application of Loammi Baldwin Esq. in behalf of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Dam Corporation, to know on what terms they can obtain a quantity of gravel from Fox Island (or hill) was referred to Messrs. Loring, Wells, Babcock & Child.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 21st. 1820 — Present the whole Board, except Mr. Fennelly.

The Chairman reported that he had received a deed from David Sears Esq. of land taken by the town to widen Elm street, the consideration expressed in said deed was two hundred & thirty dollars, which sum the Chairman was authorized to draw out of the treasury & was also requested to have the deed recorded.—

The application of William Dodd & others to have Fish street new paved was referred to the committee of Section No. 1.—

The application of Samuel Hammond & others to have a well dug at the east end of Faneuil Hall to accomodate their estates.— was ordered to remain on file.—

[**29.**] The committee to whom was referred the selection from those persons who made application to do the paving of the town, have attended that duty & ask leave to report — That Mr. Sprague
Sargent & Hart
Hart & Tuttle, and
E & S Bell, shall each do part of the paving for the town

of Boston, at thirty cents per square yard for old, and sixty cents for new paving.— all which is respectfully submitted,
Abram Babcock, Chairman.

The foregoing report was read & accepted — and the Chairman was requested to make contracts accordingly.— see Contract Book.—

A complaint against a stable in Hawkins street, owned by the Heirs of David Pierce deceased.— was committed to Messrs. Billings & Fitch.

An application from John Tuckerman & others to have a fence built on the town's land at the head of the rope walks was referred to the committee of Section No. 4.—

The Chairman was requested to apply for the use of the Old South Church on the 4th. July.— the request was granted.—

[**30.**] The Chairman was instructed to cause to be carried into effect a bye-law for the regulation of the market passed the tenth day of March 1817 — particularly as it respects Washington Munroe.

The Chairman was requested to notify the abutters on Prince street to pave their side walks.— see police officers return on file.—

The Chairman informed the Board, that Mr. Tewksbury, the occupant of Deer Island, had stated to him, that it had been customary for the Selectmen to visit the Island at this season of the year — that some repairs were necessary on the buildings, &c — Whereupon it was voted, that the Board will visit Deer Island on Monday next — & the Chairman was requested to make the necessary arrangements.—

The following should have been entered June 14 see page 26.—

The Chairman informed the Board, that he with Dr. Fennelly had proceeded to the Mill Pond, met the directors of that corporation and agreed on the manner of laying the drain from Gooch street to Merimac street — the sides to be of ranging timber 6 inches thick — top & bottom with good square edged plank spiked crosswise six inches.—

[**31.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 28th. 1820 —
Present the whole Board.—

The Chairman was authorized to contract with Urban Rice & Charles Bates of Weymouth for a quantity of gravel for the Neck.— see contract book.—

The committee to whom was referred the application of the First Baptist Church, reported in favor of granting their request — which report was accepted.— see permissions.

On the application of William H. Prentice & others, for permission to open & repair the common sewer in South street, notice was ordered to be given, in the form prescribed on the 12th May last, to Wm Whall and others, proprietors of the common sewer in Atkinson street.—

The Chairman reported, that Mr. Allen Pollack had presented the Board, a thermometer.

The Chairman informed the Board, that he had received for them, an invitation from A. H. Quincy Esq. secretary to the committee of arrangements, to partake of a collation at Faneuil Hall on the 4th July [**32.**] next, as also to attend the oration at the Methodist Chapel at 9. o'clk on the same day:—

Ordered, that the Chairman reply — that the first part of the invitation cannot be accepted; but that the Board will attend the oration — see letter book.

Voted, that the Chairman be instructed to appropriate one hundred & fifty dollars towards the expence of fireworks to be exhibited on the Common on the evening of the 4th. July;— that he provide a collation for the singers under the direction of Mr. Joseph Bailey, and that he employ Mr. Penniman to suitably decorate the Old South Church for the occasion.

Complaint having been made that the pump at the corner of State and Kilby streets was out of repair, voted that the committee of that section of the town be authorised to make such repairs as may be found necessary.

Ordered, that the Chairman be authorized to pay Sargent & Hart, three hundred dollars on account.—

Ordered that the committee of Section No. 3 with Mr. Child, estimate the sum that will be necessary to be [**33.**] laid out in repairing Brighton street the present season & report.—

Ordered, that the committee of Section No. 2 examine Bangs Alley, and report what repairs are necessary at that place the present season.—

Ordered, that the committee on the Town House be authorized to complete the contract with the Freemasons agreeably to a vote of the town.— F. J. Oliver's communication, referred to the same committee.—

The Chairman to notify the abutters on Common street — see police officers return.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 5th. 1820.— Present Messrs. Williams, Baxter, Babcock, Billings, Fitch & Child.—

The application of Wm. H. Sumner Esq. respecting Olive street, was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.

The Chairman communicated a letter he had received from the Mayor of the city of Troy — the subject committed to the whole Board.—

The Chairman laid before the Board Mr. Tewksbury's calculation of the expense [**34.**] of repairing the barn &c on Deer Island, amounting to $175 — The Chairman was instructed to authorize Mr. Tewksbury to proceed in the repairs provided the whole expense does not exceed that sum.

The application of George Murdock & others for closing the arch in Franklin place, was committed to the whole Board.

A complaint against hackney coach No. 25 — was committed to the Chairman.

The Chairman informed the Board that he had received from Joseph Hall Esq. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk, a law of this Commonwealth, directing a town meeting to be held on the third Monday of August next;— at which meeting the inhabitants are to give in their votes by ballot, on this question "Is it expedient that delegates should be chosen, to meet in convention, for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth."—

A communication from Alden Bradford Esq. Secretary of the Commonwealth on the subject of paupers, was ordered to be transmitted to the Board of Overseers of the Poor.—

[**35.**] Mr. Loring was instructed to build a fence on the side walk of Sumner street.

The Chairman was instructed to employ Samuel Hubbard Esq. in conjunction with Samuel K. Williams Esq. to defend the town against the suit of David Hinckley & Luther Ellis.—

The Chairman Messrs. Babcock & Fitch were appointed a committee to consider what number of constables it will be necessary to appoint the present year & report.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 12th. 1820— Present the whole Board.—

The application of Utley & Heath to pave Portland street was referred to committee of Section No. 2.—

The order from the Board of Health to remove a nuisance from the town's land on Mill Pond, was referred to the same committee.

The application of Robert Williams Esq. to pave a passage-way from Milk street to Liberty Square; referred to same committee.

[**36.**] The committee appointed to enquire what number of constables it will be necessary to appoint the ensuing year — Report —

As near as they can ascertain the whole number appointed last year was twenty two — they recommend the appointment this year of any number of suitable persons to that office, not exceeding twenty five.—

Your committee further recommend, in order that the Board may not be troubled with constant applications for appointments the following order be passed — viz.

Selectmens Room July 12. 1820.

Ordered that the Chairman advertise that the constables for the town of Boston the ensuing year will be appointed on Wednesday the 19th. day of July instant, and that any person who may wish that office must apply in writing at the Selectmen's room on or before that day.—

Eliphalet Williams pr order,

Read & accepted.—

The Chairman reported that the complaint of Mr Ward against the owner of hack No. 25. did not come under the cognizance of this Board.—

Accepted.

[**37.**] The following notice was ordered to be published by the Police officer.

NOTICE

All licensed victuallers, retailers, confectioners, and soda shops, must be closed in future on Sundays.—

All barber's shops must be closed on Sunday mornings at or before 11 o'clk. A. M.

All shoe-blacks must close their shops on Sundays at or before 11. o'clock A. M.

Any person who may hereafter offend in either particular aforenamed will be immediately prosecuted by the subscriber.
By order of the Selectmen.

The application of Hezekiah Thorndike & others that the new street leading from Court to Brattle street may be paved, was referred to the whole Board.—

The application of Abram Babcock that Middle street may be widened where Andw. Betterly is building a new brick house was referred to the whole Board.—

[**38.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 19th. 1820.
Present the whole Board.

The committee appointed to examine a nuisance complained of by Samuel Snelling & others existing in and about the livery stable occupied by Edward Dearborn in Sudbury street, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to report — That in their opinion the premises are kept in good order (and were particularly so on the day they examined them) as livery stables generally are, & that there is no just cause of complaint of a nuisance being there more than there is usually in stables of that description, all which is duly submitted.
Jer. Fitch
Saml Billings

Read & accepted.

The application of John E. Tyler & others, for leave to place a chain across Park street during the time of divine service on Sundays,— was ordered to lay on file.—

On the application of the committee of the third Baptist Society, [**39.**] Thomas Francis was appointed to ring the bell of that church at the usual hours, in place of Noah Hill.—

The Chairman communicated a letter he had received from Henry A. S. Dearborn Esq. proposing improvements on the Neck.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Child & Wells were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the dinner at the annual visitation of the schools, on the twenty third of August next.—

Turner Phillips Esq. & other gentlemen having recommended taking water from a spring in Market street to form a reservoir near Faneuil Hall Market house, the subject was referred to the committee on the Market.—

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the drain under Merchants Hall — Reported,— that they have examined the premises, & have also noticed the report of the committee of the former Board of Selectmen of the twenty second September last, & recommend the confirmation of that report — which was accepted by the Board.—

[**40.**] A letter was received from Col. Trumbull requesting permission to exhibit a painting in Faneuil Hall,— The subject was referred to the Chairman.

The Chairman communicated a request from the President of the Board of Health to extend Dorchester street at South Boston.— referred to committee of Section No. 4.—

The committee to whom was referred the application to pave the new street leading from Court to Brattle street, reported that the same ought to be done — report accepted, & Hart & Tuttle to commence paving immediately.

The following persons were appointed constables for the year ensuing — viz.

Elisha Copeland,	James Perkins,
Solomon Twist,	William Brooks,
Jonathan Prescott,	William Dinsmore,
Thomas Holden,	Andrew Sanborn,
Samuel Holmes,	Josiah Baldwin,
Thomas Wallace,	Horatio Bass,
Elisha V. Glover,	Job Drew,
Jason Braman,	Jonas Ames,
Elisha Smith	Ebenezer Shute

Appointed October 4th. 1820—

George Reed	William Tupper
Wendell R. Barker & Henry Lane	
Octr. 18th. Mitchell Lincoln. (25) Jedediah Sawtell	

[**41.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26th. 1820. Present Messrs. Williams, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Wells & Child.

The application of Abijah Crane, Payson Perrin and others to pave a part of Nassau street, was referred to the committee of Section No. 4.—

The application of B. Beckford to have charge of the new clock in Park street was ordered to lay on file.—

A return from the police officer complaining of a cellar door built by Mr. Robert Hews — was committed to the Chairman.—

The application of John Bradford & others on the subject of hand carts, was committed to Messrs. Babcock & Billings.

The application of the committee of Section No. 1. to have a part of Middle street paved, was referred to the whole Board.—

The account of Nathaniel Emmes Jun. for taking care of, & cleaning the arms belonging to the town the last year, was committed to the Chairman, who was authorized to settle with Mr. Emmes.

[42.] The Chairman was requested to call on Mr. Bumstead to make his cellar door in Cornhill conformable to law.—

The committee of Section No 4 reported, that it is inexpedient to extend Dorchester street, at South Boston, the present season. Report accepted.—

The Chairman informed the board that he had notified Col. Trumbull, that he might exhibit his painting in Faneuil Hall.—

On a complaint made by the police officer; — The Chairman was instructed to cause prosecutions to be instituted against every person who shall violate the orders of this Board of the twelfth instant, by keeping open their shops, or other places of business on Sundays.—

The Chairman was requested to advertise for a contract to relay the abutment in Brighton street.—

[43.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen August 2d. 1820.— Present the Chairman, Messrs. Loring, Babock, Fennelly Wells & Child.

The committee of Section No. 4 wish leave to report that they have attended the subject referred to them — and it is their opinion that the prayer of Abijah Crane & others, respecting paving part of Nassau street, is reasonable & ought to be complied with — Report accepted —

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Bradford & others, report that the police officer be directed to remove the incumbrance complained of in said petition — report accepted.

A complaint of W. Faxon & M. Grant, against the occupants of a stable on Scott's Court was referred to the committee of Section No. 2.—

The application of Saml. Curtis Esq. respecting lighting the lamps — was ordered to lay on file —

The application of Andrew Betterley, was committed to Messrs. Babcock, Loring & Billings.

[**44.**] The Town Clerk was ordered to publish a list of the constables appointed for the year ensuing, who are qualified according to law.—

The Chairman was instructed to publish an extract from a law of this state passed the 7th. February 1820 — authorising the appointment of firemen. Also to give notice that the fire wards have provided a convenient carriage, with ladders, axes, hooks, &c, and that the Selectmen are now ready to receive applications from such persons as may wish to be appointed to conduct the same.—

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen August 4th. 1820 — Present The Chairman, Messrs. Loring, Babcock, Wells & Child.

On the application of Thomas Powers, to open & repair the common sewer in Federal street; — An order of notice was passed agreeably to the form adopted in the case of Atkinson street. see records May 12th.—

On the application of Henry Farnam Esq. to open a com. sewer in Pond st. a similar order was passed.—

[**45.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen (special) August 5th 1820 — Present The Chairman, Messrs. Loring, Babcock, Wells & Child.—

On a complaint from a number of citizens, that Charles B. Simpson, tailor, was a person who by excessive drinking & idleness, was wasting his estate, and thereby exposing the town to a charge for the support of said Simpson & family,— Representation was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate requesting that a guardian may be appointed for him.—

Pursuant to an order from the Hon. Judge of Probate, &c, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Mary Bently, & a return signed, certifying to the Hon. Judge, that the said Mary Bently is a person non compos mentis, and incapable of taking care of herself.—

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen August 7th. 1820.— Present the Chairman, Messrs. Babcock, Fennelly, Fitch, Wells & Child.—

This meeting was called in consequence of the death of Andrew Sigourney Esq. [**46.**] Town Treasurer & Collector.—

Messrs. Childs, Wells & Babcock, were appointed to wait on Mrs. Sigourney and ascertain if it was the wish of the family that the funeral of Mr. S. should be attended as a town officer.

The committee reported, That at the particular request of the late Mr. Sigourney, there would be no public funeral.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 9th. 1820. — Present the Chairman, Messrs. Loring Babcock, Fennelly, Fitch, Wells & Child.—

The application of Otis Tileston & others to have West Center street repaired, was referred to the committee of Section No. 3 and Mr. Babcock.—

Messrs. Wells, Loring & Childs a committee on the application of Isaac Rand and others respecting the common sewer in Federal street — and on the subject of drains generally.

Warrant was signed for the town meeting in the 21st. instant, on the subject of revising the Constitution of this state.

[**47.**] The Chairman, Messrs. Loring &'Wells were added to the committee of Section No 4 on the subject of repairing Front street.

A complaint of Samuel Parkman Esq. & others, "that a range of hog pens have been erected on the town's land, between George and Charles streets, that in these pens are kept a number of swine, to the annoyance of the families in the vicinity," was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.—

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of Moses Grant & others; — complaining of a nuisance from a stable in Scott's court, owned by D. D. Rogers, have attended to that subject, & report.— They find by reference to the records of the Selectmen's proceedings on the 25 August 1818 — That the following vote was passed, Viz. Voted "That D. D. Rogers Esq. have permission to erect a livery stable on his land adjoining Scott's Court, provided he does not open any door from the stable into said court, and that no carriage or team to or from said stable pass up or down said court, and that no empty carriage or team from said stable be placed in such situation as to incumber the court"— Your committee find that all the conditions or stipulations under which the stable was licensed are set at defiance [**48.**] by the present occupant, and that the stable is undoubtedly with its present occupancy a very great nuisance to the persons living in Scotts Court.

submitted

Jer. Fitch, per order.

Aug. 9. 1820.

The foregoing report was read & accepted, & the Chairman was requested to notify D. D. Rogers Esq. the owner of the

stable to comply with the conditions on which the stable was licensed on the 25th. August 1818.—

Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen August 14th. 1820.— Present a majority of the Board.—

On the application of John Ridgway & others to open and repair the common sewer in Cambridge street; the customary order of notice was passed.

[**49.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 16th. 1820—
Present the whole Board.

The application of H. G. Otis Esq. on the subject of repairing Beacon street, below George street, was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.—

The representation of C. C. Nichols "that the side walk in Long Lane, was gone to decay, & requesting the attention of the Board to the same"— was referred to the committee of Section No. 2.—

The application of D. D. Rogers Esq. to have Wilsons Lane repaved, was referred to committee of Section No. 2.—

The Chairman communicated a report, and an order from the Board of Health, on the subject of the Town Dock; — Ordered to remain on file.

The committee on the Common was instructed to build a road from Pleasant street to Fox Hill.—

The committee to whom was referred the application to pave Middle street reported that it was inexpedient to pave that street the present season — Report accepted.

[**50.**] The Chairman was requested to instruct the police officer to remove the hog pens complained of between George & Charles streets, near Cambridge street.

The committee of Section No 4 was authorized to appoint a wharfinger at South Boston.—

Voted, that the following named persons be appointed as constables of the watch, & as watchmen in the sections & watches as they are placed; subject at all times to removal at the pleasure of the Selectmen; — and the Chairman is hereby instructed to issue certificates to them accordingly.

Constables of the Watch —
1st. John Spear
2. Wm. D. Allison
3. Jonas Ames
4. Nathaniel Phillips
5. Luther Symmes
7. Paul Pratt
6. George James
8. Samuel Hancock

[**51.**] First Section — East Watch House
Jonas Ames, Constable ——— 10 Men —

viz	Samuel Bright,	Elijah Carlton,
	Joseph Davis,	Samuel B. Fulton,
	Samuel Green Jun.	Jona. Hayward
	Jona. Houghton,	Simon Noyes
	John Perry	& Joseph Pentland.

Second Section, East Watch House.
10 Men — Nathaniel Phillips, Constable —

William Farnham,	William S. Hawes,
John Newell,	John Peke
Thomas Pool,	Samuel Russell
Constant Southworth,	Robert Smith
Jonathan Valentine,	Joseph Walden.

First Section, West Watch House
Paul Pratt, Constable — 10 Men

viz.	John Bell,	Daniel Beard,
	Joseph Colburn,	John Coburn,
	Benjamin Nourse,	Wm Calder,
	Anthony Rowe,	Jona. Steward,
	James Wheeler,	Eben Whitney.

Second Section, West Watch House.
Samuel Hancock, Constable. 10 Men.

viz.	William Arkeson,	Benja. Bodge
	Benja. Clark,	Nathaniel Hawes,
	John [Massey?],	Peter Sancry,
	Joseph Wilcot,	Moses Berry
	Henry Redlington,	John Brazer.

[**52.**] First Section — North Watch House —
William D. Allison, Constable — 8 Men.

viz.	Aaron A. Darrow,	Ebenezer Eaton,
	William Garrad,	Timothy Kelly,
	Thomas Morry,	Caleb B. Munroe,
	John Reynolds,	Benja. Seward.

Second Section North Watch House.
George James, Constable — 8 Men.

viz.	John Beaman,	Thomas Carter,
	Theophilus Doe,	Phineas Goff,
	William Honners,	Peter Nelson,
	Abraham Sutton,	Joseph Woombel.

First Section — South Watch House.
John Spear, Constable — 8 Men.

viz.	Stephen Bird,	Caleb C. Cowley,
	Daniel Grover,	George Hacker,
	Asa Hudson,	William Morro,
	Lyman Tucker &	George Talbot.

Second Section — South Watch House.
Luther Symmes, Constable — 8 Men.

viz.	Joseph Champney,	Alexr. Hamilton,
	Jonathan French,	Levi Powers,
	Isaiah Stoddard,	William Shales,
	William Shacksford,	Jonathan Wise.—

The committee appointed 7th June to make arrangements for the Watch, made a report of Rules & regulations for the Town Watch, which report was accepted & five hundred copies ordered to be printed.—

[**53.**] Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen August 22d, 1820 — Present the whole Board.

On the application of Joseph Goddard to open and repair the common sewer in Kilby street, the customary order of notice to the proprietors was passed.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Thursday, August 24th, 1820.— Present the Chairman, Messrs. Loring, Babcock, Child, Billings, Fitch, & Wells.

The committee on Beacon street requested further time to report — granted.

The committee on the application to new pave Wilsons Lane, reported, that it is inexpedient to grant the request.

The committee on Long Lane — requested further time, which was granted.—

The application of the Boston Mill Pond Corporation, on the subject of a common sewer, was committed to Messrs. Babcock, Fennelly & Billings.

[**54.**] The application of the Suffolk Guard (a company of young men from 18 to 20 years of age) for permission to make a military parade on the 30th instant, & to fire powder on the Common; — was granted.

The Chairman was requested to notify D. D. Rogers Esq. that the complaint of a nuisance occasioned by the occupants of his stable in Scots Court still existed; and that a prosecution would be instituted against him on the first of September next, unless the nuisance was discontinued.—

The committee of Section No. 1 — was authorized to repair a pump in Fish street, at the expense of the town.

[**55.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen August 30th 1820 — Present the whole Board.—

6 Jurors were drawn for the U. S. District Court.

The application of Draper & Hudson, for liberty to set kettles for the purpose of trying lard near Brays Wharf, was referred to the committee of Section No. 2.

The application of Henry Farnam Esq. for permission to sink a well in Portland street — was referred to com^{ee} of Section No. 2.

The application of William Sullivan Esq. and others, to have repairs made in Chestnut street; — was referred to the com^{ee} of Section No. 3.

A communication from John L. Sullivan Esq, stating that he owned the land, at present called Kingston street — and that he intended discontinuing the said street — was referred to the whole Board, for consideration.

The application of H. G. Otis Esq & others on the subject of continuing Beacon street, was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.— & the Chairman.

[**56.**] The Chairman, Messrs Loring & Babcock, were appointed a committee on the subject, of making provision for lighting the town the present year, and repairing the lamps.—

The Chairman was instructed to direct the police officer, to forbid the owners of carriages, from placing their carriages in the streets, contrary to law, and if they persist, to cause them to be prosecuted.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, September 6th 1820 — Present the Chairman, Messrs Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Child, Fitch & Wells.

The application of Pynson Blake "to have a road from the old road to Broadway, laid out at South Boston," was referred to the whole Board, & Friday afternoon was assigned for proceeding on that business.—

[57.] The Application of William Dehor & others, that the paving of the gutters may be continued through Middlecot street was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.

The committee appointed to examine the application of Draper & Hudson to place kettles in a building on Brays Wharf, to try lard, have viewed the premises & ask leave to report that in their opinion it is not expedient to grant them permission — all which is duly submitted.

Jer. Fitch
Saml. Billings

Report accepted.

The proposal of Ezra Hawkes to furnish the town with his improved tin lamps — (at $4.50 each lamp & 25 Cts. per light for glazing lamps that may be broken.—) was referred to the commee. who have the charge of lighting the town.

The committees of the several sections were authorized to procure wood for the schools in their sections; and the chairman to procure wood for the Latin school.—

The proposal of Josiah Bradlee & Co. to furnish 1125 Gs. summer strained oil was accepted, & the Chairman authorized to contract for the same.

[58.] A communication from Doc^{r}. J. B. Brown, in behalf of the subscribers to the new clock placed in the tower of Park Street Church, presenting the same to the town, was committed to the Chairman.—

The subject of hacks standing in Hanover street, was referred to the Chairman & the committee of Sec. No. 2.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the drain from Prince street to Mill Pond street,— Report, that the proprietors lay a drain or common sewer from Nickersons corner to the North Mills, two & one half feet high, & two feet broad, to be made on the sides of Ton* timber, & covered with timber or bridge plank.

* Forty cubic feet of round or rough timber; fifty cubic feet of hewn timber.— *Worcester.*

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen September 9th. 1820 — Present, The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Loring, Billings, Fitch, Wells & Child.—

A special jury was drawn by order of the Court of Sessions, commonly called a Sheriff's Jury, to try a claim of David Hinckley & Luther Ellis for compensation for land alleged to have been taken from them by the town.—

[**59.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 13th. 1820 — Present the whole Board, except Mr. Fennelly.

An application from a committee of the Board of Fire Wards, requesting that engine house No 2 — may be enlarged — was committee to Messrs Loring, Fitch & Wells.

A communication from proprietors of estates on Brattle street — requesting aid from the Board to widen that street, was referred to a committee of the whole Board.—

The committee on the Old State House was requested to view that building, make an estimate of the expense necessary to repair the same, & report.

Communications having been received from S. H. Walley & William Sullivan Esq'rs on the subject of paving the sidewalks on Common street, in answer to notices sent by the surveyors of high ways — The subject was referred to the Chairman.—

A communication from the Board of Health, stating the dock at the bottom of Rainsfords Lane had become a great nuisance, & requesting that measures may be taken to remove the same, or the dock filled up; was referred to comm^{ee}. of section No 4.

[**60.**] The Chairman was instructed to inquire of Mr. David Hinckley by whose order Beacon street has been dug up in front of his houses in that street — and to take proper measures to have the street put in order.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 20th. 1820 — present the whole Board, except Mr. Fennelly.

34 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

A communication from the Board of Health, requesting a reply to their former communication on the subject of the town dock, & the town's slip at the bottom of Rainsfords Lane, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Wells & Babcock.—

Complaints having been made against Wiseman C. Winn & Taylor for keeping open their places of business on Sundays,— The Chairman was instructed to cause them to be prosecuted, provided they do not conform to the law in future.—

[**61.**] On the representation of Jacob Hall and others, that the common sewer in Prince street was insufficient to carry off the water from that street; — The Chairman was directed to issue an order of notice.—

The Chairman to notify Gen. Davis to repair the sidewalk in Washington street; — Thomas Brewer in Summer street, and Thomas G. Atkins in North Square.—

The Chairman was instructed to direct the police officer to prosecute Simeon W. Bowen for suffering wood to lay in Union street contrary to law.—

The Chairman was authorized to direct the police officer to employ as many constables, and watchmen as he should judge necessary to assist him in suppressing riots at West Boston.—

The Chairman was instructed to discontinue the constables attending on West Boston hill on Sundays, after the present month.—

[**62.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 27th. 1820 — Present the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fitch & Wells.—

4 Grand jurors, & 4 petit jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court.—

The petition of Lemuel Packard and others praying that measures may be taken to have the drain laid by Ephraim Marsh in Pleasant street put in order — was referred to the committee of section No. 4.—

The proposal of Josiah Knapp & C. Blanchard to fill up the dock at the bottom of Rainsfords Lane, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Wells & Babcock.—

John Vinton was licensed to sweep chimneys, during the pleasure of the Board.—

The Chairman having advertised in the public papers, offering a reward of fifty dollars, to detect the person, or persons who have damaged the fence in Washington street, his doings were confirmed by the Board.—

[**63.**] Certificate was signed approving of Snelling Powell, James A. Dickson & the company under their direction, for carrying on stage plays, &c, at the theatre in Federal street the ensuing year.—

Mr. Tukesbury having represented to the Board, that it would be necessary to shingle the kitchen part of the house occupied by him at Deer Island, the present season; — Voted, that Mr. Tukesbury be allowed twenty five dollars towards defraying the expense, when the work is done.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen October 4th. 1820 — Present The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly & Fitch.

The complaint of Messrs. Ezra Hyde & Ebenr. Smith, "that a chimney on the corner of Leverett & Brighton streets was in a defective & dangerous state"; — was referred to committee of section No. 3.—

The petition of John Bray & others, praying that a shed which projects into Love Lane may be removed; was referred to the whole Board.—

4 Constables appointed, see page 40.

[**64.**] Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for the choice of delegates to the State Convention; — to be held on the 16th instant.

The Chairman was authorized to contract with the Freemasons for a lease of the Old State House from 1st. Octr.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Loring and Billings were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of building a fire proof safe in the Selectmens room for the security of the records.—

The committee to whom was referred the request of Henry Farnam Esq. on the 30th. ultimo (August) to have permission to sink a well in Portland street, and cover the same with a flag stone, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to report; — That in their opinion his request may with propriety be granted: — Provided he keep the street in repair at his own expense, subject always to the control of the Selectmen for the time being.— all which is submitted.—

(Selectmens Room Sepr. 4th. 1820)

Saml. Billings
Jer^{h}. Fitch } Com

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

Attest Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

[65.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 11th. 1820 —
Present the whole Board.

Warrant was signed for town meeting on the 23d. instant, for choice of a member of Congress in place of Hon. Jona. Mason, resigned.—

The proposal of Josiah Bradlee & Co. to supply three thousand gallons of winter pressed oil for the town lamps was accepted;— and the Chairman authorized to complete the contract.—

The Board determined to repave Union street & Marshalls Lane the present season; Sargent & Hart & Hart & Tuttle to be employed to do the work under the direction of the committee of Section No. 2.—

The committee of the Market were authorized to license a number of porters with suitable badges.—

The account of Sargent & Hart for laying a drain in Atkinson street — was committed to the Chairman Messrs. Billings & Child.—

The Chairman was instructed to employ Sargent & Hart to pave the side walk opposite the Washington Gardens in Common street.—

[66.] The application of John Minchin to be appointed an auctioneer, was committed to Mr. Fitch.

The Board determined that no more dirt should be purchased for the purpose of raising the lower part of the Common [this] season at a higher rate than ten cents per load.

The Chairman was requested to direct the police officer, to enquire into the circumstances of the breaking of a lamp in Bromfields Lane.—

The application to place fish boxes at the head of the Town Dock;— and the subject of an encroachment made by Mr. Stutson at the bottom of Cross street was referred to the committee's of section No 1. & 2.—

The Chairman reported, that the Freemasons had accepted the proposals of the Board for a lease of the Old State House, rent to commence 1st. October.

The Committee of the Market were authorized to lease a number of stalls for the purpose of vending shoes &c.

The Board ordered that the morning bell should be rung at 8 o'clock.—

[67.] The committee of section No 3. was authorized to make such repairs on West Center street, as they shall judge necessary.

The Chairman was requested to procure a suitable clock for the Selectmen's room, and pay for the same out of funds in his hands recd. for auction licenses.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen October 18th. 1820.—
Present the whole Board.—

22 Grand jurors, and 35 traverse were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.—

On the application of the Town Treasurer Mitchel Lincoln was appointed a constable for the purpose of assisting the Treasurer in the collection of taxes.

On the request of Homes & Horner, and many others, occupants of stores in Union street, the Board voted, that it is inexpedient to pave that street the present season.—

The application of Ebenezer Smith and others who occupy stalls at the West end of the market, to have a reduction of rent was referred to the committee of the Market.—

The application of Docr. Jonathan Hicks to take an apprentice from the Alms house was approved.

[68.] Complaint having been made that a stone post had been placed in Kingston street by Mr. Nathaniel Goddard;— Voted, that the whole Board proceed to view the premises tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The committee of section No. 3, informed the Board, that they had viewed West Center street, that they found the same in very bad order, & that it would be necessary to expend three or four hundred dollars to put it in complete repair — The committee were requested to proceed & repair the same.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, October 25th. 1820.—
Present the whole Board.—

The application of Nathl. Emmons and others to have Poplar street repaired, & the application of Samuel Parkman & others to repair Charles street — was referred to the committee of section No 3.—

Jedediah Sawtell, was appointed a constable for the year ensuing.—

The Chairman informed the Board, that the committee on the Market had leased the scales to Mr. Nathaniel Meriam, until the first of April next, for the sum of $300.—

[69.] The Chairman reported, that he had applied to Saml. Hubbard Esq. for legal advice on the encroachments made by Mr. Goddard on Kingston street; & that the committee appointed on that subject requested further time to report.

The Chairman reported that he had supplied the family of Samuel Champney with goods & wood to the amount of thirty dollars, in conformity to a vote of the Board of the 22d. April last.— and that he had supplied Wm. W. Bass the present messenger with wood & money to the amount of fifteen dollars.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 1st. 1820 — Present the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Billings, Babcock, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

Thaddeus Allen was recommended to the Overseers of the Poor, as a suitable person to have a child bound to him as an apprentice.—

The application of Samuel Parkman & others, to repair Blossom street, was referred to committee of section No 3.—

The application of Benjamin Russell Esq. & others, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on Sunday evening next, was granted.—

[70.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 8th. 1820.— Present the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Child, Fennelly & Wells.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 15th. 1820 — Present the whole Board.

On the application of Docr. John G. Coffin, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Elizabeth Ray: — and the Board being satisfied that she was a person of extreme intemperate habits; application was made to the Judge of Probate to appoint a guardian for her.

On the application of James Washburn, stating that his Son James Washburn Junr. was a person non compos mentis;— the Board on inquiry were satisfied of the fact, and a request was made to the Judge of Probate to appoint a guardian for him.—

[**71.**] Boston ss.— At a meeting of the Selectmen November 22d. 1820 — Present the whole Board.—

6 Petit jurors were drawn for the United States District Court.

The application of Joseph Woodward to have a street at South Boston put in repair, was referred to the committee of section No 4 —

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 29th. 1820 —
Present the whole Board.

The committee of section No. 4, to whom was referred the application of Joseph Woodward; — reported, that [it] is inexpedient to make any repairs on the streets at South Boston the present season.—

Boston ss. A meeting of the Selectmen was held Decr. 6th. 1820 — all the members present except Mr. Loring — no business transacted.—

[**72.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen December 13th. 1820 —
Present the whole Board.—

No business transacted at this meeting.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen December 20th. 1820 —

Present Messrs. Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly & Fitch.

Daniel Baxter Esq. was chosen Chairman pro tem.—

34 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen December 27th. 1820 — Present the whole Board, except Mr. Wells.—

Messrs. Loring, Babcock & Billings were appointed a committee, fully authorized to settle with Mr. Betterly for land said to be taken from him in Middle street, not exceeding forty dollars.

[73.] Voted, that Merchants Row be placed under the care of the Clerk of the Market, and he be authorized to keep the same clear of incumbrances.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 3d. 1821 — Present the whole Board except Mr. Wells.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Mr. Andrew Betterley's land on Middle street, have attended to that duty, and ask leave to report; — that they have conferred with Mr. Betterly on the subject, and agreed to allow him the sum of forty dollars for the land which is taken into the street.—

Abram Babcock, pr. order.

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

A petition was received from Charles C. Nichols & others, owners and occupants of estates in Round Lane, praying that the name of that Lane may be altered to "Williams Street" was read & committed to Messrs. Child & Billings.

Joseph Colburn was appointed a constable of the town watch.—

Mr. Abel Wheelock was appointed a constable.

[74.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 10th. 1821.— Present the whole Board.

Warrant was signed for a town meeting, to be held on the 15th. instant.—

The Chairman was requested to procure the form of a warrant for the constables of the watch, and of a certificate for the watchmen.

Messrs. Wells, Loring & Babcock were appointed a committee to ascertain & report the probable expense of placing guide boards at the corner of the streets.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Billings & Babcock a committee to consider the expediency of removing the east section of the watch to the Old Court House, & report.—

Complaint having been made, that the oil purchased for the town lamps, was of a quality inferior to the contract — the subject was referred to Messrs. Babcock & Billings.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles C. Nichols and others, praying that the name of "Williams Street" may be given to Round Lane.

[**75.**] Reported, That the prayer of the petition ought to be granted.— which report was accepted; — And it was then voted, that the passage way leading from Federal street to Atkinson street, called Round Lane.— shall in future be known only by the name of Williams street.

Mr. James Pierce was appointed a constable.

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen January 15th. 1821.— Present a majority of the Board.

The town clerk was directed to prepare a warrant for a town meeting to be held on the 22d. instant; — on the subject of applying to the Legislature, to alter the time for taking the valuation of real & personal estates, from the first of May to the first of February annually.

The Chairman, Messrs. Wells & Loring, were appointed a sub-committee, to apply to the Legislature for such alterations in the law as may be necessary to unite the offices of town & county treasurer, agreeably to a vote of the town 22d. June last.

[**76.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 17th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board,— except Mr. Baxter.

The Chairman reported a form of a warrant for the constables of the town watch, also the form of a certificate for the watchmen; which were accepted.—

The committee to whom was referred the subject of removing the east section of the watch, reported, that it is inexpedient at present to do any thing on that subject.

The committee on guide boards, was discharged from the further consideration of that subject.—

The committee appointed to inquire respecting the quality of the oil purchased for the town lamps, reported, that the oil is of a quality that is satisfactory to them — report accepted.—

[**77.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, January 24th. 1821.—

Present the whole Board.—

Voted, that the Chairman make up the assessment on the common sewer in Prince street, repaired by Jacob Hall, after deducting & paying for the town's proportion twenty per cent.

Voted, that the Chairman make up the assessment on the common sewer in, & contiguous to Atkinson street, which was repaired by William Whall and others, after deducting and paying five hundred dollars for the town's proportion. Mr. Wells dissented from the vote relating to the payment of the sum of $500.—

Mr. Neddy Curtis was appointed a constable, being recommended by persons residing at South Boston.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 31st. 1821.—
Present the whole Board, except the Chairman.

The application of E. H. Robbins Jr.— stating that he was by a vote of the Selectmen of 16th. Feb. 1820 — entitled to receive five hundred dollars on certain conditions, which conditions he had complied with & requesting payment [**78.**] was referred to the Chairman, Messrs. Loring & Wells.

The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter and Child, were appointed to confer with a committee of the Selectmen of Roxbury on the subject of repairing the gutter on the Neck between the two towns.

Voted, that the committee of each section be requested to obtain all the accounts against the town in their respective sections.—

The application of Samuel D. Parker for a reduction of rent— was referred to the committee of the Town House.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen February 7th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.

The committee to whom was referred the application of Saml. D. Parker, reported, that the rent of the office occupied by Mr. Parker in the Town house, ought to be reduced from 175 to 150 dollars per annum, in consequence of part of the office being taken into the stair way.—
Report accepted.—

[**79.**] The committee appointed on the application of Edward H. Robbins Junr. have attended to that service and report.— That he has erected the buildings proposed in Congress street, on the ground where the Exchange Coffee House formerly stood agreeable to the requirement of the Selectmen Feb. 20th. 1820.— they therefore recommend that the Chairman

be instructed to make a draft on the Treasurer for five hundred dollars for land to widen that street after obtaining a deed of the same.

submitted by order of the committee,
Eliphalet Williams, Chairman.

Feb. 7. 1821.—
The foregoing report was read & accepted.

The Chairman was instructed to inform Mr. George G. Channing that the Selectmen had appointed him director of the company of firemen, and request him to associate with himself any number of persons not exceeding thirty, & return their names for the approbation of the Board.

The application of William French & Jacob Tidd Junr. That the Selectmen would straighten the line on Ivers street where the buildings were recently consumed by fire, was referred to the whole Board.—

The Chairman was requested to give Mr. Caleb Hayward a certificate of his appointment as captain of the watch.—

[**80.**] Messrs. Kilvert & Randall laid before the Board the model of a ladder which they conceived would be useful at fires; —The Chairman Messrs. Loring & Fennelly were appointed a committee to procure one of the ladders, provided the expense does not exceed fifty dollars.

On the application of William Prescott and others to change the name of Pond street, the Board voted to discontinue that name and insert the name of Bedford street.

On the application of Saml. S. Wheeler that the Board would continue the town's drain in Pleasant street. The committee of section No. 4, were empowered to continue and complete said drain.—

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen Feby 8th. 1821.—Present the Chairman Messrs. Loring, Babcock, Child, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

The Board proceeded to Ivers Lane and agreed with the proprietors to straighten the line on the South side, commencing at Hawkins street where the lane is twenty one feet seven inches wide and running a straight line to Merimack street, the lane being then thirty feet wide, (see plan of streets) permitting Messrs. French & Tidd to include within their line as much of the town's land, and leaving in the lane as much of their own land as shall be found necessary to make the line straight.

[**81.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen February 14th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

The application of John Thayer & others for an engine house to be erected in Lynn street, & a suitable engine placed therein, was committed to Messrs. Loring, Fitch & Wells.—

The Application of Evans & Colron for permission to erect two stoves for the purpose of cooking & baking at No. 125 Broad street,— was referred to the committee of Section No. 2.—

The application of John Tuckerman for some repairs to be made on Charles street, was referred to the committee of Section No. 4.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Wells & Fennelly were appointed a committee to examine the law regulating the weight of bread, and report what measures in their opinion are necessary to be adopted by the Board to carry that law into effect.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Babcock & Billings were appointed a committee to dispose of the manure that accumulates in the streets.

[**82.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen February 21st. 1821.—Present the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

On a precept received from the Hon. Thos. Dawes Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Henry Cushing; — and return was made that in the opinion of the Board, said Henry Cushing was a person non compos mentis, and incapable of taking care of himself.

An application from a number of citizens to change the name of Southack's Court — was read — whereupon it was voted that it is inexpedient to alter the name of that street for the present.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen February 28th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

The subject of altering the name of Southacks Court was referred to the committee of sections No. 2 & 3.—

The Chairman was authorized to instruct the police officer to commence prosecutions against the owners of hackney

[**83.**] carriages that are not licensed according to law;— provided that not more than one suit be brought on any one day.—

The whole Board were appointed a committee to meet at the house of Mr. Baxter next Friday at half past 3. o'clk P. M. — to attend a reference between the town & Mr. Baxter for land taken from him to widen Harvard street. (Referrees appointed June 2d. 1819) — see Selectmens minutes).—

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen March 3d. 1821.—

Present the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Child and Fennelly.

Warrant was signed for the annual March meeting, to be holden on the 12th. instant.

Rev. Mr. Lowell to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 7th. 1821—

Present a majority of the Board.—

John H. Schaffer & others were approbated to be licensed for the purpose of carrying on stage plays &c at the Washington Gardens, Common street.

[**84.**] Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen March 9th. 1821.—

Present the whole Board.—

Moved and voted unanimously. That the thanks of this Board be given to Eliphalet Williams Esq., for the able, faithful, diligent and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office as Chairman the past year.—

Voted unanimously. That this vote expressive of the full approbation of the board be recorded on the records of the board.

To which the Chairman replied as follows.—

Gentlemen,

I fully appreciate your liberality in appointing to me the honor of presiding over your deliberations the year past.

If I have in any considerable degree succeeded in the discharge of that duty to your satisfaction, I must attribute my success to the advice and support you were kind enough to afford me.

The unity of sentiment which has prevailed at this board the past year, [**85.**] and the vote which you have just now passed demands and receives my warmest acknowledgements.— it will be ever recollected as a high source of gratification.—

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 14th. 1821.—Present,— Eliphalet Williams, Daniel Baxter, Jonathan Loring, Abram Babcock, Samuel Billings, David W. Child, Robert Fennelly, Jeremiah Fitch, & Samuel A. Wells, Esquires.

This being the first meeting of the Board since the annual meeting for the choice of town officers; — It was voted to proceed to the choice of a Chairman.

Ballots being taken, it appeared that Eliphalet Williams Esq. was unanimously chosen.—

The oath of office was administered to all the members of the Board, by the Town Clerk.

34 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

[**86.**] Voted: That hereafter no proposals shall be received from, nor any contracts entered into with, any member or members of the Board of Selectmen, nor from or with any person or persons for or on account of any member or members thereof or in which any such member or members shall be either directly or indirectly concerned in whole or in part; for the performance of any work, for the furnishing of any articles or materials of any name or nature for or on account of the town: — to the end, that no person, while in office, shall have a vote, or influence, or be enabled to act on any moneyed question, or concern, in which he may be personally a party, and in the determination of which his individual interest may be involved.

Voted, The Chairman advertise for two sealers of weights & measures; one to be appointed for the northern, and the other for the southern section of the town.—

The application of William Sullivan Esq. & others for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening preceding the first Monday in April, was granted.

Messrs. Child, Billings & Babcock a committee to examine the qualifications of applicants for the office of sealers of weights & measures.—

[87.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 21st. 1821. Present the whole Board.

The petition of the inhabitants of South Boston, to have an engine placed in that section of the Town, was committed to Messrs. Loring, Fitch & Wells.—

The Chairman having informed the Board that frequent applications were made to him for orders of notice for the repair of common sewers, which required immediate attention; — It was voted, that the Chairman be authorized to issue orders of notice for the repairs of common sewers, when the parties would be liable to injury from delay, and report to the Board at their next meeting.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting on 2d Apl. for choice of Governor, &c — Rev. Mr. Wisner to open the meeting with prayer.—

Boston ss. At a special meeting March 23d. 1821.— Present a majority of the Board.—

35 Traverse Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.—

[88.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 28th. 1821.—
Present a majority of the Board.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of recommending to this Board suitable persons to be appointed sealers of weights and measures, for the year ensuing, have attended to the same & beg leave to report.—
That Messrs. Samuel Beals whose place of business is in Ward No 8. and James Henley in ward No 12. are conveniently located, and well qualified, to fill said offices, if two sealers are to be appointed for the Town, but if one only, is thought to be necessary, they would recommend Mr. Beals, all which is submitted.—

D. W. Child,
Ab. Babcock, } Committee.
Saml. Billing,

Report accepted.

And Mr. Samuel Beals was appointed sealer of weights and measures for the year ensuing.

[89.] A communication was received from Nath. R. Sturgis, on the subject of a drain in Bulfinch street,— which was laid in 1810 — as there appeared some informality in the papers relating to said drain, the Board declined acting on the subject.—

The petition of John Longley and others, to hire a piece of land on the Mill Pond, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Babcock & Loring.

The Chairman informed the Board, that he had required bonds, in the penal sum of one hundred dollars from Leavett Barnes, master of the schooner Four Sisters, the condition of the bond, is, that four passengers landed by him from that vessel, shall not become a charge to the Commonwealth within three years.—

[**90.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 4th. 1821.—
Present a majority of the Board.—

The Chairman communicated a letter from Mr. George G. Channing, in which he declines taking command of the Fire Hook & Ladder company.—

The Chairman was instructed to address the Fire & Marine, the Merchants, American, and Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, and inquire if they feel disposed to grant a premium to the Fire Hook & Ladder company.—

The petition of Saml. Gore Esq. respecting Pitts street, was referred to the committee of section No. 2.—

On the application of Winsor Fay, to have John Hewitt put under guardianship,— ordered, that the chairman consult the Judge of Probate on that subject, and report.—

The Chairman communicated a letter from William Minot Esq. on the subject of the Franklin Fund — stating that the County Treasurer proposed paying his note: — whereupon it was voted, that the treasurer of the Franklin Fund be authorized to loan to the county of Suffolk, any sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, at an interest of five per cent, per annum.

[**91.**] Voted, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the duties of the police officer, and report.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Wells, Child & Babcock, were chosen on the committee.—

Boston ss. At a meetimg of the Selectmen April 11th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

An application to have North Russell street paved — was referred to the committee of section No. 2.—

The application of Oliver Hatch & others to have Mill Pond street paved, was referred to the committee of section No. 1.—

The application of Ebenezer Smith to purchase or hire a piece of land on Mill Pond — was committed to the Chairman, Mess Babcock & Loring.

The application of Robert Williams and others, for the repair of, & setting out trees up on Fort Hill — referred to committee of section No. 3.

An application was received from William Minot Esq. Secretary to Mill Pond Corporation [**92.**] requesting the acceptance of the common sewers lately built by that corporation was referred to a committee of the whole Board.

The application of Loammi Baldwin in behalf of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Dam Corporation to hire a piece of land for the purpose of placing a tollhouse thereon —was committed to the whole Board.—

The application of Josiah Knapp and others to have a part of Front street paved — was committed to the whole Board.—

The application of B. V. French, in behalf of the proprietors of Boylston Market, to have some alterations made in that place — was referred to a com^{ee}. of the whole Board.—

The application of Joel Shipley & others to have David Jones appointed to repair the common sewer in Garden street, instead of Walter Russell, was read and considered; — and Mr. Jones was appointed.

An application was received from Elijah Morse and others,— stating that Southacks court had long since become a street, and that it was the wish of the inhabitants in that court and its vicinity to have the same designated as such; — The Board took the subject [**93.**] into consideration — and it was voted, That the place formerly called Southack's court shall hereafter be called by the name of Howard street.

The following report was received from the referrees appointed on the claim of Danl. Baxter Esq. for land taken from him in Harvard street.

The subscribers, who were requested by the Selectmen of the town of Boston and Mr. Daniel Baxter to determine and declare what sum of money ought to be allowed him for adding to Harvard street a strip of land adjoining his other land, and so widening that part of said street: and also to describe the line which is to be hereafter deemed and held as the southerly

limit of that part of said street; having met and heard a committee of the Selectmen, and the said Baxter, on the subject and viewed the premises, award that the town should pay Mr. Baxter sixty dollars; and that the southerly side of that part of Harvard street which lies between Mr. Baxter's house and Front street shall henceforth be considered as bounded and running as follows, vizt. on a straight line beginning at the north east corner of the north east corner stone of said house and extended thence easterly in the direction of his board fence, as it now [**94.**] stands, to Front street, at a point where said fence and his other fence join cornering on said streets: this point is by measure one hundred ninety three feet & three inches north of a point at the corner of Front and Bennett streets found by a line drawn along the southerly side of a brick house built and owned formerly by Mr. Joel Smith deceased, and extended in a direction with said side of Smiths house to Front street, being the point where said line so extended would strike Front street.— This award is not to affect the boundaries of either party lying to the east of Front street.—

Boston March 2d. 1821. (Signed) John Howe
Jabez Ellis
John Knapp

The foregoing report was accepted; & the Chairman was requested to have the amount awarded Mr. Baxter paid in the next draft on the town treasurer.

[**95.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 18th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

The application of Abraham Biglow respecting a drain in Poplar street, was committed to the Chairman.

The application of Thomas Dennie and others, to have a part of Chambers street paved, was committed to the whole Board.

An application was received from Henry Farnam, on the subject of a passage way from Spring street to Brighton street; — committed to the whole Board.—

The whole Board agreed to meet on the Boston & Roxbury Mill dam on Monday next at 3. o'clk P. M.— on the subject of Beacon street.—

The Chairman informed the Board, that agreeable to their instructions, he addressed a letter to the President and Directors of the Fire and Marine, the Merchants, and the Mutual Fire Insurance offices on the subject of a premium for the fire men

attached to Hook & Ladder company.— The two former offices have replied, they were willing to pay each, one third part of an annual premium of twenty dollars to that [**96.**] company, provided the town would pay ten dollars.— Conditioned that the company produce annually in the month of March or April a certificate from the Firewards,— Stating they have performed their duty as firemen, satisfactorily to them for the past year and are entitled to the premium.— The directors of the Mutual office will meet early in May, when we should probably receive a reply from them.—

The Board proceeded to appoint a Master and twenty four firemen, to take charge of the hooks & ladders. viz.

Charles Leighton, Master.—

John Babbit,	Isaac Butterfield
John Reed,	Elisha Goodnow
George Tucker,	Adison Davis
James Denton,	Arthur Burnham
Leonard Darling,	Alanda Wright
John Kittredge,	Jonathan Chamberlain
Levi L. Cushing,	Saml. S. Crocker
William Ayers,	William Church
Benjamin Adlington,	Warren Lathrop
Levi L. Warrick,	Timothy Fessenden
Robert Hayden,	Peleg Hayden
Samuel Chase,	& William Snowdon.

Firemen.—

[**97.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 25th. 1821.—

Present the whole Board.—

4. Grand, and 4. petit jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court.

Eliphalet Williams Esq. was chosen treasurer of the Board of Selectmen, for the year ensuing.—

On the application of John Loring and others for permission to open and repair the common sewer in Middle street; — An order of notice was issued in the usual form — notice to be given personally.—

A communication was received from Gorham Parsons Esq. on the subject of his land in Sumner street; — The Board agreed to meet him on the premises, on Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.—

The application of George Tucker & others to have the hand carts removed from the side walks on Greens wharf, was referred to the committee of section No. 2.—

A communication from the police officer on the subject of removing gravel &c from Cambridge street — was referred to the committee of section No. 2.—

[**98.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 25th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

On the application of the assessors, they were authorized to repair their room in such manner as they think proper, & present their bill to this Board for allowance.—

The Chairman was instructed to inform Harrison G. Otis Esq. and others, that the Board have no objection to their filling up the gore of flats adjoining the Boston & Roxbury Mill Dam; on condition that the town retain all their rights to the ground after it is filled up.—

The committee on the petition of John Longley & others, reported, that Warren street ought to be paved the present season; — Report accepted.—

The committee on the petition of Henry Farnam Esq, reported, that it is expedient to open a passageway from Brighton to Spring street; on condition that Mr. Farnam give a bond that the expense to the town shall not exceed the sum of one hundred & sixty dollars.— Report accepted.—

The committee to whom was referred [**99.**] the petition of Thomas Dennie & others, reported that it is inexpedient to pave any part of Chambers street, the present season.—

The committee on the application of Benja. V. French, reported, that his request for altering the sidewalk in front of Boylston market, be granted under the direction of the committee of section No. 4.—

The committee on the subject of Mill Pond lands, reported that a stone monument be placed at each corner of the several lots belonging to the town.— and the Chairman was requested to employ William Taylor Esq. to perform that service immediately.—

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the treasurer of this Board, have attended to the subject, and find them correct and would recommend that the same be entered in the Selectmens records; — The committee find that the sum received for auction licenses by the treasurer amounts to one hundred & eighteen dollars, and that sixty dollars has been expended for the clock in the Selectmen's room, leaving a balance of fifty-eight dollars at the disposal of this board

which they recommend should be retained in the hands of the treasurer subject to the future order of the Board; — all which is respectfully submitted.
Ap 21. 1821. David W. Child, Abram Babcock, committee.

Report accepted, & the treasurers account ordered to be recorded.—

[**100.**] Dr. Selectmen of Boston in a/c with

1821				
Jany.	1st.	To Cash pd. for clock . . .	60	—
April.		To Cash pd. Town Treasurer pr. receipt	109	50
			$169	50
		To Cash on hand being the balance of the auction licenses in the hands of the Treasurer carried to new a/c	58	—
			227	50
		Fund of Abiel Smith Esq. deceased.		
1820				
June	3.	To Cash paid Master of the African School	75	
Sep	6.	To — do ——— do. ——— do	75	
Dec	7	" do ——— do. ——— do	75	
1821				
March	3.	" do ——— do. ——— do	75	
	"	" do pd. Baxter & Prescott for wood	5	12
April	4.	" Cash on hand to new a/c .	59	34
			$364	46
		The following property is on hand and credited in new a/c — vizt. 30 Shares in Newb. Turnpike 20 Do in 2d N. H. Turnpike 17½ Do Kennebeck Bridge 5 Do R. I. Bridge 1 do — Boston Theatre 1 do — Boston Bath House 4 do — Suffolk Bank 4000 — U. States 3 pr. ct. Stock 200 do — 6 pr. ct. Stock.		

[101.] Eliphalet Williams, Treasurer . Cr.

1821			
April 21.	By 59 licenses for auctioneers .	118	—
	" 62 do.—— hackney carriages	62	—
	" Cash for grass on neck sold at auction	28	—
	" Do. of Israel Thorndike for lightg. lamp	5	50
	" Do.—Jeremh. Fitch for a stove,	7	—
		120	50
	" Do. for grass on Neck sold I. C. Woodward	7	
		$127	50

Property placed in my hands as follows.

1820			
April	30 Shares in Newb. Turnpike		
	20 do.— 2d. N. H. Turnpike		
	17½. do.— in Kennebec Bridge		
	5 — do.— in R. I. Bridge		
	1 — do.— in Boston Theatre		
	1 — do.— in Bath House		
	$300 Suffolk Bank Notes		
	$161.54 Cash		
	4000 U. S. 3 pr. cent Stock		
	200 do.—6 pr. ct. do—		
1821			
April 4.	By Income received from the above property to this date — 20th Dividend on 2d. N. H. Turnpike shares received 13th May 1820 —	100.	—
	Dividend on Boston Theatre — 18th Oct. 1820	88	—
	Dividend on U. States Stocks — recd. Jany 1821	132	—
	Dividend (2 years) on share in Bath House Apl 3.	13	—
	Interest on Suffolk Bank notes March 7. 1821	21	46
	Dividend on 4 shares in Suffk. Bank Apr. 4th. 1821	10	—
		$364	46

Errors Excepted
Boston April 4th. 1821.
(signed) Eliphalet Williams Treas.—
Board of Selectmen.

[**102.**] Donation of Mrs. Joanna Brooker & others —

1821 January 11.	To Cash paid the Selectmen of Boston as follows — viz.		
	Daniel Baxter —	26	62½
	Jonathan Loring —	26	62½
	David W. Child —	26	62½
	Ab. Babcock —	26	62½
	Saml. Billings —	26	62½
	Robt. Fennelly —	26	75
	Jerh. Fitch —	26	75
	Elipt. Williams —	26	53½
	Saml. A. Wells —	26	75
		$239	91

[**103.**] Property in my hands vizt.

1820 April	By Jed Leathes Bond & Mortgage,	272	17
	" William Taylors —— Do . .	666	66
	" Darling & Bradford . . .	1300	—
	" Thomas Cartwright . . .	200	—
	" Town Treasurer's note . .	1230	—
	" United States 6 pr. Cent stock .	300	
	Income as follows		
1821 Jany 2.	Interest on Taylors Bond 40. —		
	" Leathe do. . 16 33		
	Cartwright . 12. —		
	Bradford & Darling 78.		
	Town Treasurer 73 80		
	U. S. Stock . 18 —		
	Premium on Boston money . . 1 78	$239	91

Errors Excepted
Boston April 1st. 1821.
(signed) Eliphalet Williams Treasr B'd of Selectmen.

[**104.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 2d. 1821—Present The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Child, Babcock, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting on the 7th instant.—

The application of Thomas Holden respecting his well near the North school house, was referred to the Committee of Section No. 1. with power to place a pump in the well if they think expedient.—

Mr. Samuel Phillips was appointed Hay weigher for the year ensuing & his bondsmen approved.—

Mr. Nathaniel Meriam was appointed Clerk of the Market for the year ensuing & his bondsmen approved.

Voted, That the Chairman advertise for a Captain of the Watch.—and that his salary be fixed at three hundred & sixty five dollars per annum.—

Voted, to proceed to the choice of an orator for the 4th. July next — The Hon. Daniel Webster was unanimously chosen.—

[**105.**] Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen May 4th. 1821.—
Present a majority of the Board.

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting on the 14th. instant, for the choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 9th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

The Chairman communicated a letter from Hon. Daniel Webster, in which he declines accepting the appointment of orator for 4th. July.—

The Board proceeded to the choice of an orator for the 4th. July next;—and William P. Mason Esq. was unanimously elected.—The Chairman was requested to inform Mr. Mason of the choice.—

The petition of Joseph Grafton & others, that the passage way back of Merchants Hall may be repaired, was referred to the Committee of Section No. 3.—

The Petition of John Sullivan & others, to have a part of Cross street paved;—referred to whole Board.

[**106.**] The Chairman was instructed to execute a lease to Winslow Lewis & Co of the Rope-Walk land, leased to Henry Chapman 24th. Decr. 1818 — Also to lease to John Binney the lot formerly leased to Joseph N. Howe, at a rent of six dollars & sixty six cents per annum.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to purchase dirt at one shilling per load, & loam & gravel at twenty five cents,— until the further order of the Board.—

A communication on the subject of a piece of land occupied by Col. Badger on Mill Pond, near Prince street — was committed to Mr. Babcock.—

The Chairman was authorized to advertise for from eight to ten thousand tons of gravel; — Also for persons to contract for paving the streets the present year.—

Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen, May 14th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

The Chairman informed the Board, that William P. Mason Esq. declined accepting the appointment of orator for 4th. July.— Whereupon Charles G. Loring Esq. was unanimously chosen to deliver the oration on the 4th. July next.—

[**107.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen May 16th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

The Chairman informed the Board, that Charles G. Loring Esq. had accepted his appointment, as orator for 4th. July next.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Wells & Child were appointed a committee, to make an estimate of the probable expense of the Selectmen's department the ensuing year.—

A communication from the Firewards, requesting a new engine for the North part of the town, was committed to The Chairman, Messrs. Babcock & Loring.—

The Request of Reuben Carver & others, that Butolph street may be repaired, was referred to the Committee of Section No. 2.—

The application of Samuel Parkman & others, to have the drain in Cambridge street, continued, was referred to the Committee of Section No. 2.—

The proposition of John Cotton and others to widen Griffins Lane, was referred to the Committee of Section No. 3. with full power to act on that subject as they think proper.—

[**108.**] William Hall junr. stated to the Board, that there was an error in making up the assessment of the expense of the common sewer in Atkinson street — Mr. Isaac P. Simpson having two drains entering into that common sewer and having been taxed with only one. Voted, that an assessment of one share be added to Mr. Simpson — and that Mr. Cushing (who is unable to pay) be excused from paying the same.—

Voted,— It is expedient to cover the gore of vacant land between the Vegetable Market & Faneuil Hall.

Voted, To choose a sub-committee to make an estimate of the probable cost of a new Vegetable Market, and to report in detail a plan suited to that purpose.

The Chairman,
Messrs. Billings
Babcock
Fitch &
Wells, were chosen on the committee.—

On the application of Col. Jonathan Whitney for permission to extend Balchs wharf;— Mess. Babcock, Child & Loring were appointed a committee to view the premises and report.—

[**109.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen May 23d. 1821 — Present a majority of the Board.—

The committee appointed on the application of Col. Whitney, reported, that they had viewed Balchs wharf, and find that said wharf is now a number of feet to the eastward, or without the circular line, & that Col. Whitney wishes to extend the wharf further and now appears to have on the spot the materials for so doing, not anticipating any objection to the measure — Your committee therefore after having had special reference to an agreement made by the abutters on the flats from south Battery sconce, and Scarlet's wharf, so called, in which the abutters agree to be limited by a circular line drawn in the year 1673, signed by them and the Selectmen, and after examining the line drawn in the year 1708 which was approved by the Town, May 1802.— They are of opinion, and do recommend that the said Whitney should be forbid to commence the extension of said wharf and prosecuted if he persists.—

All which is respectfully submitted.

Abram Babcock
David W. Child
Jonathan Loring

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

[**110.**] The applications of several persons to supply gravel being laid before the Board, The Chairman was authorized to contract with Mr. Bates for eight or ten hundred tons at a price not exceeding fifty cents per ton.—

The following persons were approved as pavers of the streets the ensuing year vizt.

Sargent & Hart
Hart & Tuttle
E. & S. Bell
Willaim Bell &
Michael Homer

The application of Loammi Baldwin on the subject of connecting the Mill Dam with Charles street; — was committed to the whole Board.—

The committee on the Watch, reported the following orders to the Captain of the Watch, which were approved by the Board.— viz

Mr. James Morgan
Captain of the Watch of the Town of Boston
Sir

On commencing your duties as Captain of the Watch, you will observe the following orders, and be vigilant in your attention that they be scrupulously observed and faithfully executed by the watchmen in the service of the town and who are [**111.**] under your orders.— The Selectmen in appointing you to the station repose full confidence in your fidelity, diligence and ability in the performance of the various and important duties connected with the station.—

You are to cause the rules which have been adopted for the regulation of the watch to be carried into complete effect.— a printed copy of these regulations are now handed you herewith.

You will consider your station the Center Watch house.—

You will consider your duties as commencing one hour before the sitting of the watches in the several sections, and as closing at the expiration of their service.—

You will attend to the sitting of the watches and see that they are on duty at hours prescribed.

You will see that the watches are regularly relieved at the proper hours.

You will walk the rounds occasionally and see that the men are attentive and faithful to their trusts.

You will regulate the tone and manner of crying the time of night by the watchmen, and be particular that it be cried in such a manner as not to disturb the inhabitants of the town by loud vociferations, you will prevent the cause of the frequent

complaints, that are now made on this account, by directing them to sing on the proper key what is necessary for them to state.

[**112.**] You will see, that the watchmen go out singly and that *two watchmen* do not walk together.

You will direct the man to challenge all passengers when on duty, by calling who's there.

You will direct the men to return to their watch boxes after having walked the rounds in their several sections, and there remain until the time arrives for them to go on duty again,— on quitting their box, they are to lock it and take the key with them.—

You will when the lamps are to be lighted, see that this duty is performed by the lamp lighters.

You will see that the constables of the Watch make regular returns of the occurences of the night in their several sections.

You will be particular in making your return from these every day regularly, by twelve o'clock to the Chairman and sooner if any thing important has occurred.

You will commence your duties to. night.

Boston May 19th. 1821.—

The Chairman informed the board that Mr. Nichols would make a railing for the side walk in Charles street at $20 — per hundred feet; — He was authorized to complete the contract.—

[**113.**] The Chairman was authorized to permit Mr. Blanchard to fill up and make a solid wharf at the town's slip on the end of Rainsford Lane, he to continue the drain to the water; for which service he is allowed to occupy the land free of rent for the term of fifteen years:— provided however, that should the Town have occasion to use the same, they may have possession, on paying Mr. Blanchard a reasonable proportion of the expense, for the time that remains on the lease.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 28th. 1821.— Present a majority of the Board.—

On the application of Samuel Salisbury, stating that the common sewer in Summer street had gone to decay & requesting permission to open and repair the same; an order of notice to the proprietors was passed in the usual form.

The application of Wm Minot Esq in behalf of the Boston Mill Pond Corporation, requesting that a committee may be appointed to concur with them in making the location of the streets and establishing permanent monuments on the Mill Pond land: — was committed to the whole Board.

The Committee of Section No. 1. was requested [**114.**] to make such repairs on Prince street as they may think necessary.

The Committee of Section No. 4. was authorized to put such quantity of gravel on the Neck as they may deem expedient.

[**115.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 6. 1821.
Present the whole Board.

The Chairman administered the oath of office to the Assistant Town Clerk.

The Committee of Section No. 1. were requested to receive the plank, offered by Charles River Bridge Corporation, and have them laid for a side walk on Mill Pond street.

The application of John Braizer & others for the use of Faneuil Hall on the 4th. July next. was granted.

On a precept received from the Hon Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate for the county of Suffolk. Inquisition was made into the circumstances of Ruthy Boynton, and return was made that in the opinion of the Board, said Ruthy Boynton was a person non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of her self.

The Committee of Section No 2 were authorized to pave Marshalls Lane.

On application of the mother of Adam Emery, late a lamp lighter, deceased. Voted, that the Chairman request the Treasurer, to pay the amount due him, at the time he died, unto his mother.—

The Committee of Section No 2 was authorized to repair Willsons Lane.

The Committee of Section No 3 was authorized to repair Atkinson street.—

[**116.**] On application of Daniel Baxter, that part of Front street may be paved — Voted, that the whole [Board] proceed to that street & examine the same.—

On the application of the proprietors of [the] Mill Dam to have Charles Street raised, after mature deliberation & having twice visited & examined the premises — Voted: That the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned to Monday next 4 oClock P. M.
Then to meet the Committee of Finance.

Attest, Charles Hammatt, Assistant Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 13. 1821. Present the whole Board.—

The application of Wm. B. Callendar & others relative to widening Hawkins street & Copelands lane, was committed to the whole Board.—

A new application of the agent of [the] Mill Dam Corporation relative to Charles street, was considered & after much debate, moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed; negatived. It was then voted that the subject be committed to Messrs Chairman, Loring, Billings, Child & Wells.— Who are to report to the Board, before they sanction any material alteration.—

34 Jurors for Boston Court of Common Pleas and 6 Grand & 6 Petit jurors were drawn for June term of United States District Court, & all posted in Jury book.

The application of John H Schaffer relative to fire works, was referred to Messrs Chairman Wells & Child, who were authorized to appropriate a sum, not exceeding one hundred & fifty dollars, for that object.—

[**117.**] The Chairman was requested to inform Mr. Hayward, police officer, that the allowance for his services will be $50 pr month from the 1st day of July during the pleasure of the Board.—

The vote passed on the 31st Jany 1821, appointing Messrs Chairman, Baxter & Child a committee to confer with the Selectmen of Roxbury on the subject of repairing the gutter on the Neck, between the two towns was renewed.

The Committee of Section No 3. who had under consideration the request of Messrs. Cottons respecting Griffins lane, report. That they find the land which Messrs Cottons propose to give the town contains upwards of 500 feet, and that the expense of making the fence & side walk will not exceed $140. the committee would therefore recommend that the Selectmen accept the offer made by Messrs Cottons & others, which is respectfully submitted.— signed Saml Billings pr. order.
the foregoing report was read & accepted.

The committee on Front street, reported, that it is inexpedient to pave Front street, until the abutters agree to pay a proportion of the expense.— Accepted.

The meeting was then dissolved —

Attest, Charles Hammatt, Assistant Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 20, 1821. Present the whole Board.—

The Assistant Town Clerk was directed to enter the minutes of the Selectmen & of the Town Meetings in the [**118.**] books of records.—

Notice was received from James T. Austin Esqr. that the action against Washington Munroe had been decided in favour of the Selectmen; whereupon, voted, that the Chairman direct the Clerk of the Market, to let the stand lately occupied by said Munroe at a reasonable rate and give Munroe the first offer of it.

On application of Wm Lawrence & others to have the lamps lit on summer evenings. Voted that notice of the application be inserted in the next warrant for Town Meetings.—

On application of Mr Whiting for liberty to erect arches under the street in front of the house he is now erecting at the corner of Common & Winter streets; Voted, that Mr Whiting have liberty to erect arches under the side walk in Common street, on condition that he keeps the side walk over them in good repair at his own expence, during the pleasure of the Selectmen.

On a communication from L. Baldwin, agent for Mill Dam Corporation, respecting Charles street. Voted, that the committee on that subject be discharged, and the whole subject indefinitely postponed.—

On the petition of Samuel Brown & others. Voted, that the lane formerly known by the name of *Love Lane*, be in future known by the name of *Tileston street.*

[**119.**] After some debate on the subject of paving Front street. Voted, That Messrs Babcock, Child & Fitch be a committee to ascertain what paving will be necessary to be done the present year, & whether there will be funds sufficient to pave part of that street, if it should be deemed expedient & to report at the next meeting.—

The committee of Section No 3. was authorized to repair the pump in State street, if they think it expedient.

The Committee of Section No 2. was authorized to make such repairs on Merrimack street, as they think necessary.

The Committee of Section No 1. was authorized to cause Mr Stetson to remove the obstructions from the bottom of Cross

street, or to make such arrangements with him respecting repairs, as they may judge proper.

The Meeting was then dissolved.—

Attest Charles Hammatt Assistant Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 27. 1821. Present the whole Board.—

The petition of John Wells & others relative to paving part of Charter street, committed to the whole Board.

The Petition of Henry Hubbard & others relative to paving Tremont & Common streets. Committed to the whole Board —

The petition of Thos K Jones & others, relative to paving a gutter in Middlecot street; committed to the whole Board.—

[**120.**] The petition of John A. Savels & others for an armoury was committed to the committee on the Market to report at the next meeting.—

The communication of Samuel D. Harris relative to building in Union street. Committed to the whole Board.

A communication from the Proprietors of the Old South Church, granting the use of that church on the 4th July.—

The committee appointed to ascertain what paving will be necessary the present year; reported, that the probable expense incurred & to be incurred the present year will be $14,500 which will leave unexpended of the appropriation $1500 — Your committee therefore recommend that a part of Front street be paved this season provided the proprietors on said street will pay one third of the expense.—

Return was made of the expense of [a] common sewer thro' Chesnut and into Charles street & an order passed for payment. — See record of common sewers.—

Mr Baxter, was requested to make such repairs to the Franklin School house, as he should think necessary.—

The subject of widening Griffins Lane, was committed to the Committee of Section No 3. with power to do what they may judge is for the interest of the town.

The subject of repairing the bridge over the Canal was committed to the Committee of Section No 1.

[**121.**] The Chairman reported that he had issued an order of notice to the proprietors of the common sewer in Union & Hanover street in the usual form.—

The meeting was then adjourned to Tuesday next 5 oClock P M

Attest Charles Hammatt Assistant Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 3. 1821. Present the whole Board except Mr. Child.

The committee on paving Charter street, reported that it is inexpedient to pave that street the present year. Which report was accepted.

The committee on paving Tremont & Common streets reported that it is expedient to make some repairs in the vicinity of the Stone Chapel, under the directions of the committee of that section. Report accepted.

The Committee reported that it was expedient to pave a gutter in Middlecot street. Report accepted.

The subject of adding part of the land on which Harris's building now stands, to Union street & Marshalls Lane was committed to Committee of Section No 2. to ascertain how much will be subscribed by individuals & report at the next meeting.

The Committee on John A. Savels & others petition reported, that they may have a room for an armoury during the pleasure of the Selectmen, they fitting it at their own expense. which report was accepted.

The Committee of Section No 2. reported that it is expedient to pave a gutter in Buttolp[h] street. Accepted.

[**122.**] A communication from Whitwell Bond & Co relative to [the] sale of land in the Bull Pasture — was read.

An invitation from the committee of arrangements for celebrating the anniversary of Independence, to join them in procession to the Methodist Chapel, to hear an oration was accepted.

The petition of R Huntington & T Dodd that Columbia street may be paved & lighted was referred to [the} Committee of Section No 4. to report at next meeting.—

The Committee of Section No 3. reported, that it would cost at least $200 to make the well good in State street. Where-

upon, voted that the committee be requested to have the well covered with stone & the pavement replaced.—

Voted, That Messrs Chairman, Wells & Billings be a committee to consider the subject of paying proper respect to the U. S. Cadets, when they arrive in town from West Point.

Mr. Bell having the best proposals for whitewashing Faneuil Hall, voted, that he be directed to proceed in that business the day after tomorrow, and that the Committee of the Market & Mr. Loring superintend the whitewashing and painting.

The Committee of Section No 1. were authorized to expend a sum not exceed $50 in repairing Back street.

The Chairman reported that he had issued an order of notice to the proprietors of [the] common sewer in Cornhill &c.

[123.] On a precept received from the Hon Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of James Robinson & return was made that in the opinion of the Board said James Robinson was a person non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of himself.—

Voted, That the time of meeting of the Board, shall be 5 oclock until otherwise altered.

The meeting was then dissolved.
Attest, Charles Hammatt, Assistant Town Clerk.

[124.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 11th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board, except Mr. Child.

The Committee of Section No 4. reported that it is inexpedient to pave Columbia street the present season;—but recommend that two lamps be lighted at the expense of the Town, provided they are placed in that street by the inhabitants, at their own expense. Report accepted.—

The application of Joseph G. Joy, to place porticoes in front of his houses in Olive street was referred to the Committee of Section No 3.

An application was received from a committee of the Court of Sessions, requesting to have a committee from this Board appointed, to confer with them on the subject of Mr. Gray's proposal to purchase the land on which the Old Court House and Goal now stand, was read, & the Chairman, Messrs. Loring

& Baxter were appointed a committee, to confer with the Court's committee on that subject.—

A communication from the Board of Health on the subject of a drain that crosses the Common near Lewis' rope walks, was referred to the committee of the Common.

[**125.**] A communication from the committee of Brattle St. church, on the subject of fencing in the land in front of their meeting house in case the same was not purchased for the purpose of widening that street within three months, was referred to the Chairman & the Committee of Section No 2.—

The application of Jonathan Wild & others to have part of Middle street repaved;— was referred to the Committee of Section No 1 — who were empowered to new pave such part of that street as they may deem expedient.—

The Committee of Section No 1 reported in favour of repairing a part of Mill Pond street with gravel. report accepted.—

The application of the Ancient & Hon. Artillery on the subject of enlarging their armoury, was referred to the committee of the Market.

Voted, to visit Deer Island on Tuesday next.—

The committee of the Common was authorized to procure stone posts, & to have new gates made.—

Mr. Babcock, reported to the Board, that a piece of land on Prince street in the possession of Mr. Jacob Hall, was in his opinion the property of the town; Mr. B. was requested to inquire into the subject & ascertain the fact.

[**126.**] The Committee of Section No 3. was desired to view Sumner street, agreeably to the request of Mr. Thurston.

Proposals for painting Faneuil Hall were received from the following persons, viz.

Baker & Horton — 14 cents per yard & $2.00 for blinds.
Ebenezer Jackson — 35 pr. ct. discount from the rules of work.
Ballard & Cary — 1 coat 9 cts — 2 do. 14 c. — 3 do. 18 cents, yard.
James Dupee — 14 cts. stone color & 25 cts. for green.
Russell & Redding — 13 cts. stone — green 25 cts.—
J. & J. Prouty — 15 cts. light — green 37½ c — blinds 37½
Ebenezer Jeffers — 15 c do d 25 do. $3
Jeremiah P. Smith 14 d blinds $2.50
Louis Lincoln — 16 do d 20 c mahogany 25 c

Mr. Jer. P. Smith was selected, & ordered to proceed to paint the Hall, under the direction of the committee appointed the 3d. Inst.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 18th. 1821 — Present — The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

The application of Mr. George Whiting "To erect under the side walk in Common St. near Winter street, two arches for the purpose of putting wood into the cellars" — was granted, on condition that the sidewalks be kept in repair.—

The Chairman reported that he had examined the % of Mr. Phillips, Hay Weigher, for the quarter ending 30th. June & found it correct, $120.84 due the Town; which was ordered to be pd. the Treasurer.

[**127.**] The application of Joseph Carr & Hezekiah Newton, for permission to sell mineral waters on Sundays — was ordered to lay on file.—

Messrs. Joshua Binney & Joshua Lovell, were appointed measurers of wood coming from the country over Canal bridge.—

The application of Messrs. Ludlow & Grafton, on the subject of improving the pavement in Water street, was referred to the Committee of Section No. 3.—

Messrs. Wells & Fitch were added to the committee on the subject of a new engine.—

The Board voted to allow one hundred & twenty five dollars towards improving Union street, provided ten feet was taken off the building belonging to the heirs of Mr. Harris, between Union St. & Marshalls Lane.—

The Committee of Section No. 3 — were authorized to expend a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, towards a pump in Doane street, with a suction from a pump in a well under Mr. Parks building.—

The Committee of Section No 4. reported, that it is inexpedient to pave Warren St. further than the com. sewer is laid with brick & stone. report accepted.

[**128.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 25th. 1821 —
Present the Chairman, Messrs. Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

The Committee of Section No. 3 to whom was referred the application of J. G. Joy,— reported, that Mr. Joy be permitted to place porticoes in front of his houses, provided the porticoes do not project more than one foot into the street.— report accepted.—

The application of Stephen North, for permission to erect a tent as a sutler on the Common, or at any other place when the U. S. Cadets may encamp; — was rejected.—

The application of David Rice and others to open a street or streets at South Boston, was committed to the whole Board; and Saturday next 3. o'clk P. M. was assigned to view the premises.

The Chairman, Messrs Babcock & Billings were appointed a committee to consider the subject of procuring oil & lighting the lamps; — and report.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Fennelly & [**129.**] Fitch, were appointed a committee for making arrangements for the dinner at the annual visitation of the public schools.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen August 1st. 1821.—
Present — The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly & Wells.—

The committee appointed to view Franklin street, to see if they will allow Doct Jeffries to widen his side walk; report, that it is necessary that walk should be widened in a direct line from the inner side of the stone post at the corner of Franklin place to the pump standing in the street, thence on a straight line to the corner of Marlborough street, as the walk now stands.— Report accepted.

The committee appointed to view Mrs. Hopkins house in Hanover street, report, that the committee on the section be authorized to expend any sum not exceeding one hundred & fifty dollars, to cause that house to be removed on a straight line with the street, which will be about twenty two inches at one end and about four inches at the other.— Report accepted.

[**130.**] The committee of Section No. 3. reported that they had made an arrangement with Mr. Ludlow to make such improvements in the pavement of Water street, as shall be approved of by the Board — accepted.—

The committee on the subject of Brattle street was discharged.—

On a precept received from the Hon. Tho. Dawes, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Daniel Scott, and a return was made that he was a person non compos mentis, & recommending that a guardian may be appointed for him.

The Chairman, Messrs. Wells & Fennelly were appointed a committee to approve of the bondsmen offered by the constables, appointed for the year ensuing.—

The committee of Section No. 3. was instructed to pave Derne street, between Temple & Hancock streets.

The Chairman, Messrs. Babcock & Fennelly were appointed a committee to consider, & report upon the application of several persons for the office of constable.—

[**131.**] The application of John Gordon & Wm Lovering on the subject of a drain running through their land in Warren St. was referred to the Committee of Section No. 4.— with the addition of Mr. Babcock.

The committee on the application of David Rice and others, to lay out a street at South Boston; reported,
That F street be continued from Broad Way to First street; — And that fifty dollars be allowed by the Town towards making the street, on condition that the inhabitants complete the same to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.—

The following Persons were appointed constables for the year ensuing. viz.

Elisha Copeland
James Perkins
Solomon Twist
Wm Brooks
Wm Dinsmore
Thos. Holden
Andrew Sanborn
Josiah Baldwin
Thomas Wallace
Horatio Bass
Elisha V. Glover
Jason Braman
Elisha Smith
Ebenezer Shute
George Reed
Henry Lane
Mitchell Lincoln
Jedh. Sawtell (Aug. 15th)
George Robinson
James Pierce
Abel Wheelock
Neddy Curtis
Aug. 15th Job Drew
Jona. Prescott
Asa Prouty
Michael Riley
Sepr. 19th. Wendell R. Barker

[**132.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen August

8th. 1821 — Present The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.

The Chairman informed the Board he had conversed with Mr. Rice on the subject of opening F street, at South Boston, as voted at the last meeting,— he was of opinion considerable expense would be saved the Town if the street leading from the school house to the Ship yard was opened, thence to Rice & Henshaw's factory, it would better accomodate all the parties interested; Therefore voted to reconsider the vote passed on the first instant concerning F street, and that the Board proceed to South Boston and lay out the street as above described as soon as convenient.—

The Chairman informed the board that complaint had been made to him, that the wharf at the bottom of Foster street had caved in & was otherwise out [of] repair — The subject was referred to the Committee of Section No. 1. to view and report.

[**133.**] The Town having voted at a meeting holden on the 2d July 1821 — " That the Selectmen be request [ed] to adopt such measures as they may deem expedient, to show proper respect to the U. S. Cadets from West Point, when they shall arrive in Town." The Board proceeded on the 3d. of the same month, to appoint a committee, to make the necessary arrangements for their reception — The Chairman, Messrs Wells & Billings, were chosen on the committee.—

The Selectmen having received official information from Maj. Worth the commander of the Cadets, that they proposed entering the town on the 7th instant; and the committee having made the necessary arrangements for their reception the Board proceeded to the line of the town on the Neck, accompanied by the marshalls of the day, and a number of citizens where they met the U. S. Cadets at 9 o'clock A. M.— The Selectmen were introduced to Maj. Worth, their commander, by Col°. Pickman, the chief marshal, after which the Chairman proffered them the hospitality of the town, in behalf of his fellow citizens & proposed to conduct them to the place assigned for their encampment on the Common, at their pleasure.— Maj. Worth made a pertinent reply, in which he accepted their civility with much pleasure, suggesting that he should answer more fully before he left town — The escort was then immediately taken up & the Cadets conducted to the Common, where they encamped.—

[**134.**] At one o'clock, a collation was provided at Concert Hall, where the Selectmen accompanied by the marshalls set down with the Cadets.—

On Saturday August 11th, the Board proceeded to the Senate Chamber at 12 o'clock, & from thence moved in procession to the Common, accompanied by the Commander in Chief, Jus-

tices of the Supreme Judicial & United States Courts, foreign consuls, officers of the army, navy & militia, a number of strangers of distinction & other invited guests, under the escort of a battallion of infantry, commanded by Cap't Brimmer, to the Common, where the Cadets soon arrived.— Maj. Worth accompanied by his staff, advanced in front of the Selectmen, when the Chairman presented him with a stand of colours with the following address.

Being called to reflect on the institutions of our country, we find much reason to rejoice that our origin was at a period, in which the arts which contribute to the welfare of a nation, were in general well understood, and rightly appreciated.—

With the history of other nations, as lessons of experience & wisdom our fathers devised the government, framed the laws, formed & endowed the institutious, which have for many years, not merely upheld our nation in domestic tranquility & happiness; but shed a lustre on our history at home & abroad, in peace & in war, cheering to our thoughts, [**135.**] bearing joy & consolation to the firesides & bosoms of every friend of his country.—

Among other institutions of our government in which we have a pleasure & a national pride, is that of public schools for the education of our youth in military and naval tactics, and of these none is held more highly in our estimation than the one which has at this time done us the honor of a visit, & of which you, sir, are one of the much respected instructors, with the thought that our national glory in arms may hereafter be confided to the skill & judgment of some one, or more, of these young gentlemen, we feel a lively interest, an anxious concern in the improvement, character & honour of every individual under your charge, for while we deprecate a state of war, & pray we may be delivered from any hostile attempt, yet we are fully sensible that the true policy of our government, is & will be, in peace to prepare for war.

With this sentiment, with veneration for the institutions of our fathers, with particular & especial approbation of the military school under your charge, with sentiments of high respect for the administration of our general government which has & I trust will continue to foster & support this institution to the honour of our country, and in conformity to the spirit of hospitality, which the inhabitants of the town of Boston, entertain towards you & the pupils under your charge; in behalf of those inhabitants & in their name I have the honour to present [**136.**] you and through you to the Military Academy at West Point, this stand of colours.—

May it long remain in that part of our country hallowed to our feelings by the recollection of the fortitude & patriotism which the immortal Washington there displayed, in a time of peril & calamity in opposing not only the powerful force of our open enemy; but in confounding the perfidy & treachery of his fellow officer in arms"

To which Maj. Worth made the following reply.

"In accepting this splendid manifestation of the munificence of the citizens of Boston — of their goodwill towards & approval of, the conduct of the Corps, which it is my good fortune, pride & honor to command, I feel entirely inadequate to the task of making to you and your fellow citizens suitable acknowledgements. It cannot be doubted that this day & the interesting associations connected with it, will operate as a powerful excitement to honorable enterprise, whenever foreign aggression shall compel the people to call them to the defence of our common country; & that whether in peace or war, they will, by the transactions of this day, deem themselves doubly pledged, to conduct as becomes brave soldiers & good citizens.—

That this sacred emblem of our Country will never be tarnished by them individually or collectively as a corps, I have no hesitation to pledge everything dear to a soldier, & this [**137.**] battalion flag, sir, will ever be their rallying point whether in defence of our country's honor or in pursuit of the science essential to successful war.—

We particularly recognise on this occasion, the genuine expressions of attachment to the government & institutions of our country generally, & an approval of every act calculated to consolidate its power & secure its defence — such sentiments are the natural growth of a soil where the spirit of Liberty first sprang into life.— Unable as I am to do justice to the occasion, I can only offer you the cordial thanks of the superintendant, proffessors & teachers of the Military Academy & more especially of this youthful corps, with the sincere assurance that the citizens of Boston shall never have occasion to reflect that their kindness & confidence has been misplaced."—

The Cadets then marched to their encampment, stacked their arms & immediately returned & joined in the procession under the escort before named, which moved to Faneuil Hall, where the whole company partook of a collation provided for the occasion.—

[**138.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen August 15th. 1821.—

Present the whole Board.—

Voted, that the thanks of the Board be given to the gentlemen who acted as marshals, in conducting the escort of the Cadets into town, and officiating at the collation &c. on Saturday: — for their able, discreet & judicious conduct on those occasions; and that this vote be communicated to them by the Chairman.—

A remonstrance against a building occupied for rectifying spirits on Swetts wharf, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Loring & Fitch.—

An application from J. & D. R. Griggs for lease of land, or flats south of [the] Mill Dam, on which to erect a store was committed to the committee of the Common.—

Application from Charles Davis & Jonathan Dorr to lay open a passage way adjoining lot No. 1, on the neck & also to open Northampton street, was committed to the whole Board.—

Petition of Jonathan Prescott & others to have part of Mr. Bulfinchs stable cut off to widen Mill Pond street was committed to the whole Board.—

[**139.**] The committee on Warren street, reported that it is inexpedient to lay another drain in said street, but in case the present cross drain is discontinued, to lower the gutter so as to take the top water over the ground to Orange street;— report accepted.—

On motion of Mr. Wells, the following vote was passed & ordered to be recorded, viz.—

Voted: That every member shall be required to serve on every committee on which he may be chosen unless he assign some satisfactory reason for declining to perform the duty assigned him;—and in order that the business of the board may hereafter be conducted with regularity, it is voted: that every committee be required, and it shall hereafter be a standing rule of the board, that they make report of the proceedings upon the subject matter referred to them either verbally or in writing, unless when expressly stated to the contrary at the time of their appointment;— such report in all cases to be recorded, to the end, that no proceeding of any one, two or three individuals shall appear as the act of the board, without having received its sanction at a regular meeting thereof.—

[**140.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen August 22d, 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

A precept was received from Hon. Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, directing inquisition to be made into the circumstances of William Ray, represented (by Samuel C. Gray & Thomas Ward) to be a person non compos mentis, and incapable of taking care of himself,— inquisition was accordingly made, and a return signed to the judge recommending that a guardian should be appointed for him.—

The Chairman informed that he had obtained a plan of the elevation of Olive street;— The plan was referred to the Committee of Section No 3 — to view and report on the expediency of conforming the street to that plan.—

The petition of Abraham Quincy and others,— praying that the owners or drivers of meat & vegetable carts who are in the habit of standing in Broad street, may be ordered to remove;— was referred to the Committee of Section No. 3.—

[**141.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen August 29th, 1821 — Present the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Fennelly & Fitch.—

On a precept received from the Hon. Judge of Probate, inquisition was made into the circumstances of William Clough — and a return was made that the said Clough was a person non compos mentis & incapable of taking care of himself.

The application of the Mill Pond Corporation to ascertain the height of the streets, was referred to the Committee's of Section No. 1 & 2.

The application to have the streets in Distillhouse square repaired; — was referred to the Committee of Section No 2.—

The Application of Edward Tuckerman respecting the pump and side walk in front of his store, in Dock square; — was referred to the committee of the Market.—

The Chairman communicated a letter from Hon. William Prescott — stating that he would be accountable for the sum of one hundred dollars towards defraying the expense of laying the sidewalk in front of Mrs. McClinch's estate in Bedford street,— on condition, that the street be paved the present year; — [**142.**] The Board thereupon authorized the Committee of Section No 4. to proceed and pave that street, and to pay any sum not exceeding fifty dollars towards the expense of paving the side walk in front of Mrs. McClinch's house.—

The Chairman stated to the Board, that the law required that the town should furnish ten cartridges for each soldier belonging to the infantry, and one quarter of a pound of powder to each soldier of the artillery, for the general muster on the 24th. September, instant; — The whole subject was referred to the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter & Loring, to make the necessary arrangements, to comply with the requisitions of the law.

The Board proceeded to examine the drains for acceptance as laid by the proprietors of the Mill Pond Corporation — And accepted the following, vizt.— From Gooch, through Merimack and Traverse streets to the Canal — (except where it connects this drain between the Mill Pond & Gooch street. The proprietors of the Mill Pond must at their own expense lay from where their present drain is, made of plank, to the

drain in Gooch street, and connect the same in a proper manner) from Ivers street through Merrimac to Traverse street.— [**143.**] From Portland across Merrimac & Friend streets, through Market street to the Canal. From the north end of North Margin street to the creek adjoining the north mills.— (This was the last sewer which was made.)

The subject of repairing Middlecot street was referred to the Committee of Section No 3.; — with instructions to pave the gutters in that street, on condition that the inhabitants pave the side walks.

The Committee of Section No. 2 — were authorized to pave North Russell street, on condition that the inhabitants pave the side walks, free of any expense to the town.

The Committee of Section No 1. was authorized to make such repairs in Ship & Cross streets, as they shall judge to be necessary.—

The Committee of Section No 2. was authorized to repave part of Green street.

Mr. Billings was requested to act in place of Mr. Child as one of the Committee of Section No. 4.

The application of Mr. Josiah Marshall to have a permanent watch established in the Market — was committed to Messrs. Wells & Fitch.—

The Selectmen attached to the different schools were requested to furnish the schools with wood for the ensuing season; The Chairman to furnish the Latin School.

[**144.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, September 5th. 1821.— Present, The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly & Fitch.

The Chairman reported that he, with Mr. Melcher went to the magazine in Roxbury, & examined the town's powder.— many of the casks were inspected in 1811 & 12. many of them have gone to decay & have been exchanged for new ones, many others require exchanging.— It is his opinion that enough good powder can be selected to make the cartridges for this autumn — It will then be best to sell the remainder at auction and purchase the quantity required by law of fresh powder.— There is however nine quarter casks which Mr. Melcher has condemned — The same ought to be sold immediately as it may now bring something, but in a short time will not be worth anything.— The Board ordered the nine casks to be sold at auction immediately.

The application of William D. Bell & others, owners & occupants of houses in Back street, to have that street raised so as to convey the water down Stillman street; was referred to the Committee of Section No 1.

[**145.**] The Chairman & Mr. Fitch were appointed a committee to examine & settle the account of William Minot Esq. Treasurer of the Franklin Fund, for the past year.

A communication from the Mill Pond Corporation on the subject of making a dividend of the land filled up on the south west side of the Canal; — was referred to the committee's of Sections No. 1 & 2.—

A petition from Charles R. Codman & others, praying that the name of Lendells Lane, may be altered to that of Lindall street, was read; — And the Town Clerk directed to give notice in the two daily papers, that the subject will be considered and acted upon on Wednesday the 19th. instant.

The committee of the Common to whom was referred the application of J. & D. R. Briggs, reported that the Chairman be authorized to lease them a lot of land bordering on the Mill Dam, not less than fifty feet in length and extending on Charles street to within five feet of the Gun House at a rent of one dollar per foot per annum.—Report accepted.—

The Chairman was authorized to lease to Mr. Henry Baldwin, a [**146.**] piece of land on the Neck laid out as a street on the north front of a house owned by Mr. Coverly and occupied by said Baldwin, on condition that he enclose the land with an open fence & engage to remove the same when required by the Selectmen.—

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen, September 7th. 1821. Present the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Billings, Babcock, Fennelly & Fitch.

The subject under consideration being the expediency of building a vegetable market.—

Voted; it is expedient to build a new vegetable market, forthwith.—

After consideration and making an estimate of the probable cost of digging and boxing a cellar under the building, considering the length of time which would be required to perform that service & further, the Town having made no appropriation for the purpose, it was voted, to be expedient to make a cellar.—

Voted, That the building be of wood, with a gravelled roof.

Voted; that the building be placed on the north side of Faneuil Hall, that it cover all the ground to the extent the Market now covers north and east [**147.**] including the passage between Faneuil Hall and the present market except fifteen feet for a passage way between Faneuil Hall and the proposed building.

Voted; the Chairman cause a plan to be drawn, and advertise for proposals in writing from any person disposed to contract to build the same.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen September 12th. 1821.— Present The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly & Fitch.

34 Traverse jurors were drawn for the Court of Common Pleas.—

A certificate was signed approving of Mrs. Elizabeth Powell and James A. Dickson with their associates to act or carry on for profit, gain or valuable consideration, stage plays, interludes, and other theatrical entertainments at the theatre in Federal street, the year ensuing.

[**148.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 19th. 1821.—Present the whole Board, except Mr. Wells.

Wendell R. Barker was appointed a constable for the present year.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter and Loring a Committee to purchase the military stores required by law;—for the inspection of the Brigade Quarter-master.

Voted, to discontinue the name of Lendell's Lane to a passageway leading from Congress street to Kilby street;—and that the said passage way shall in future be known only by the name of Lindall street.

Warrant was issued for a Town Meeting to be holden on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock, A. M.—

A plan of a vegetable market was exhibited;—and the Chairman, Messrs. Loring & Billings were appointed a committee to contract for building the same agreeable to the plan.—

The Chairman was instructed to have the clock on the church in Hollis street repaired.—

[**149.**] The Chairman, Messrs. Loring & Baxter a committee [to] fit up the town armoury.—

The committee on the Market was instructed to inquire if any improvements can be made in Faneuil Hall so as to increase the income to the town, without injuring the building.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen September 26th 1821.—Present the whole Board.—

An application from Lemuel Shaw Esq. agent to the heirs of Watson Freeman, deceased, claiming indemnity for land given by the Town to J. L. & B. Austin, in exchange for some of their land taken to make Derne street, and afterwards sold to said Freeman, which land is now claimed by one of the heirs of Gov. Hancock, was read, and committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Loring & Babcock.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of A. Quincy & others reported that it is inexpedient to take any measures on the subject of removing vegetable carts from Broad street.

The application of J. & D. R. Griggs on the subject of land, corner of Charles street & Mill Dam, was referred to the committee of the Common.—

[**150.**] The application of Col. Fairbanks and Mr. C. C. Nichols in behalf of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, for the use of Faneuil Hall, at their triennial anniversary, was granted.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen October 4th. 1821. —Present the whole Board.—

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Franklin Fund, reported, that they had examined the accounts & found them correct,—and that there remained in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of eight hundred & forty three dollars two [cents?] not on interest.—

The subject of fencing in the lots on the Mill Pond, was referred to the committee of Sections No. 1 & 2. who were instructed to cause two of the lots to be fenced immediately.

The Board on further consideration of the subject of opening Northampton street, agreeable to the wishes of Mr. Dorr & Mr. Davis, appointed the Chairman, Mr. Billings, & Mr. Baxter a committee, with instructions if they should judge it expedient, to make a contract with Messrs. Dorr & Davis to open [**151.**] and complete the street above named to the satisfaction of the Selectmen provided the whole expense to the Town of Boston shall not exceed six hundred dollars.—

The Chairman was requested to advertise for proposals for painting the outside of Faneuil Hall — applications to be received until the 13th. instant.— Also to communicate with Rev. John Codman on the subject of the Town dock.—

The committee of Section No 4. were requested to fence in the Town's land on the north side of the street leading from Washington street to South Boston bridge, provided the expense should not exceed one hundred dollars; — They were also instructed to have the streets at the South part of the Town repaired: — the expense not to exceed one thousand dollars.—

In consequence of the numerous applications for licenses to retail spirituous liquors — It was voted:
That the Board will approbate no person for a license as an innholder, victualler or retailer of spirituous liquors, prior to the first day of January next.

[**152.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, October 10th 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

Voted, That the Town Clerk inform all persons who may apply to be approbated for licenses to retail spirituous liquors; — That their applications will not be acted upon until after the 1st. January next.—

The application of George Bond and William Sturgis on the subject of widening Summer street, was referred to the committee of Section No. 4, with instructions to pay such sum as they may think expedient; — not exceeding twenty per cent of the value of the land taken into the street.

The Chairman informed the Board that he had conversed with Mr. Codman on the subject of improving the Town's right in the Town Dock; — but from some suggestions of Mr. Codman, he was of opinion that it would be well to consult counsel before any further measures were taken on that subject: — The Board appointed the Chairman, Messrs. Babcock & Wells, a committee for that purpose.—

The time having elapsed for perambulating the lines between this town and the towns of Roxbury & Dorchester; The Board [**153.**] requested the Chairman to give notice to the Selectmen of those towns, that they proposed to meet them on Thursday the 25th. instant for that purpose.—

Complaint having been made that Thomas Thompson and others had incroached on Common street by placing the steps

of their houses on the side walk; — The Chairman was requested to give notice to Mr. Thompson, that he would be prosecuted, unless the incumbrance was removed within five days.

The Chairman to inform the Treasurer of the Franklin Fund; that he was desired to collect all delinquent bonds due to that Fund.

The committee of Section No. 2 reported that it would probably be necessary to lay a drain from Parkman Market in Cambridge street to the sea; — The committee were authorized to proceed to lay a drain if they found it to be necessary.

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen October 13th. 1821.— Present the Chairman, Messrs. Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

The following persons made proposals for painting the outside of Faneuil Hall, viz. James Fullick, [**154.**] Edward Somerby & Jeremiah P. Smith The Board preferred the proposals of Mr. Smith, and appointed the committee of the Market, with the addition of Mr. Billings, to proceed in painting the Hall the present season if they think it expedient.—

The Chairman stated to the Board, that several inquiries had been made of him on the subject of filling the vacancy at this board occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Child. — after discussing the subject, taking into consideration that the principal part of [the] labour for the present year was completed or contracted for; — It was voted, that in the opinion of this board it is inexpedient that the vacancy should be filled.

[**155.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen October 17th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board. —

22 Grand jurors, and thirty five Traverse jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court.

The Chairman, Messrs. Loring & Fitch were appointed a committee; — again to meet the committee of Brattle Street Church on the subject of the land on the South side of their meeting house.

The committee who were instructed to cause the outside of Faneuil Hall to be painted, reported, that they had employed a carpenter to examine the building, and find that considerable repairs will be necessary previous to painting; as those repairs will cause delay, and the season being far advanced, they recommend dispensing with the painting until the next spring. — Report accepted.—

A communication from Mr. Thompson, requesting the suspention of a prosecution against him for an incroachment on Common street, until his side walk was laid, was read, & his request granted.

The application of A. Peabody on the subject of a drain in Bowdoin St.— was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.—

[**156.**] The police officer reported that Chas. C. Nichols had incroached on Williams street, by placing steps in the street in front of his house: — Ordered that the Chairman notify Mr. Nichols to remove from the front of his house all that part of the steps which project into the street within five days, or that measures would be taken to enforce their removal as the law requires.

The committee of Section No. 4, reported, that they had made an agreement with George Bond and William Sturgis, to draw a line on Summer street from the outside face of Col. Thorndikes stone post, to the front corner of Mr. Henry Hill's house, being twenty five feet six inches at the east end, and sixteen feet eight inches at the west end (making 4322 feet of land) for which the town will pay five hundred dollars, on receiving a deed.— Report accepted.

[**157.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen October 24th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board, except Mr. Loring.

A communication from Charles C. Nichols, requesting the suspension of a prosecution against him for an encroachment on Williams street; — was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.

The Board approved & signed [an] indenture between John J. Hollis a minor, and Levi Whitcomb, house carpenter to serve as an apprentice until he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, which will be on the first of January, 1828.—

Whereas, William Havard Eliot of Boston in the County of Suffolk, attorney at law, having become the proprietor of several lots of land situate on the easterly side of Union street, the buildings upon which were recently destroyed by fire, proposes to widen the street in front of the block of buildings he is about to erect upon the said land, so that a line drawn along the front from a point in the said block in a southerly direction will strike the corner of Ann street, and one drawn in the opposite direction along the front from the same point will range with the block next beyond the Avenue to Creek Lane [**158.**] a small bend being made in the center of Salt lane, all which will

fully appear by reference to the above plan drawn by William Taylor Esqr.* And, whereas such a location of the said block will be a valuable improvement of the street & it is highly desirable that the line should be extended on the south side to Ann street and on the north side to said avenue whenever this can be effected without material inconvenience to the proprietors of the adjoining estates, — Now, therefore in consideration of the premises it is agreed and understood by the Selectmen and said William Havard that whenever by casualty or otherwise the buildings adjoining said William Havard's estate fronting on said Union Street shall be destroyed, the said street shall be widened so that the front line of buildings on the east side of said street shall be continued in a north and south direction as the said William Havard has commenced the improvement, and further that until this is effected, said William Havard may at any time use and occupy the land in front of his said block and now a part of his estate in as full and perfect a manner as if it were now fenced in and built upon. In Witness Whereof the Selectmen have caused this agreement to be signed in their [**159.**] behalf by the Town Clerk, and a copy thereof recorded this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one.

* The plan referred to, is in the hands of William Havard Eliot Esq. with an attested copy of the foregoing agreement.—

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

Perambulation of the Line between Boston & Roxbury October 25th. 1821.—

Pursuant to agreement, we the subscribers, agents for the towns of Boston & Roxbury met at the time and place appointed on Thursday 25th. October one thousand eight hundred & twenty one, and perambulated the line and renewed the bound marks between the two towns as follows — vizt.— Beginning at the mouth of the creek which opens into the bay leading to Cambridge, and as the said creek runs until it comes in a range with the fence and trees between the lands of the heirs of Capt. Aaron Davis, deceased, and the land of the heirs of Samuel Wells Esq.— then across the street or highway until it comes to a large stone standing endways in the fence on the easterly side of said [**160.**] street or highway, and from thence south 43 degrees east, to a large stone standing endways in the ground, two hundred & fifteen feet from said street or highway, marked B on the easterly side and R on the westerly side — from thence the same course, five hundred and forty two and half feet to a stone post marked B on the easterly side and R on westerly side — From thence turning & running north fifty eight degrees east by a straight line until it comes to a stone in

Lambs Dam so called, and from thence to the creek, and as the said creek or channel runs into the bay where it strikes the point between the towns of Dorchester, Boston & Roxbury.—

Ebenezer Seaver
Abijah Draper
Jacob Allen
Elijah Lewis
} Selectmen of Roxbury.

Eliphalet Williams
Daniel Baxter
Saml. Billings
Robert Fennelly
Jona. Loring
Saml. A. Wells
} Selectmen of Boston.

[161.] Perambulaton of the line between the towns of Boston & Dorchester Ocr. 25th. 1821.—

Agreeably to notice the Selectmen of the aforenamed towns met on the line this day at the south east boundary on the beach at Old Harbour, commencing at a stone post marked on the south side D and on the east side B — thence running west. north west to another stone of the same description standing on the margin of the old road, — thence crossing the old road and the marsh in a straight line from the first named bounds to another stone of the same description on the Dorchester turnpike, thence in a straight line to the channel in the bay lying between the said turnpike and Boston Neck.—

Henry Gardner
Thos. Crehore
Stephen Wales
} Selectmen of Dorchester

Elip. Williams
Danl. Baxter
Saml. Billings
Jona. Loring
Robt. Fennelly
S. A. Wells
} Selectmen of Boston.

[162.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen October 31st. 1821.—

Present, The Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock, Billings & Fennelly.

The committee of Section No. 3.— reported, that Mr. Charles C. Nichols had altered the steps in front of his house on Williams Street, so that they do not project more than fourteen inches into the street; and recommend that the steps be permitted to remain.—

Report accepted.—

The Chairman reported that he had examined the accounts of Mr. Phillips, Hay weigher, for the quarter ending 1st of October, and found them correct: — The balance in his hands amounting to one hundred & thirteen dollars $\frac{19}{100}$ was ordered to be paid the Town Treasurer.

The committee of Section No. 3, was authorized to make a contract with Wm. H. Bordman for building a wall back of

Boylston School house on a line between his land & that of the town of Boston, and make such allowance towards the expense as they shall judge to be equitable.

Applications for supplying oil for the town lamps, were received from [**163.**] Josiah Bradlee & Co., William Lovering Jr. & Joseph P. Bradlee.— After consideration, the whole subject was committed to the Chairman Messrs. Billings & Babcock, who were authorized to complete a contract with either of those gentlemen if they think it expedient.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 7th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board, except Mr. Fitch.

A communication was received, stating that Pitts street was out of repair; — The committee of Section No. 2. was requested to have such repairs made on that street, as they should find to be necessary.

The Chairman was requested to obtain proposals from Mr. Hunneman, & Messrs. Thayers', stating on what terms they would contract to build a new engine.—

The application of H. G. Otis & others, on the subject of Olive, Walnut & Chesnut streets, was read, and after discussing that subject, the Board agreed to view those streets to-morrow morning at 8. o'clock.

The Chairman was requested to procure two dozen lamps for the use of the town.

[**164.**] On the representation of Mr. Babcock, that it was necessary to purchase some land to widen Fleet street, he was authorised to purchase the same, at a rate of not more than twenty per cent of the value of the land thrown into the street.—

The Board visited South Boston, at the request of Messrs. Rice and Henshaw, & laid out and continued Dorchester street from Broad Way, running a line north 48 east until it comes the easterly side of First street, thence turning northwesterly on First street at a right angle and continuing until we came to Lot No 86. each of said streets being laid out fifty feet wide, agreeable to a plan of a part of South Boston surveyed by Stephen Badlam 30th. June 1809.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 14th. 1821.—
Present the whole Board, except Mr. Loring.—

A return was signed to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk stating that George S. Jackson, was a person non compos mentis, & recommending that a guardian should be appointed for him.—

[**165.**] The application of Ebenezer Robbins to be appointed a measurer of wood, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Wells and Babcock, to consider the whole subject and report.

The application of Ward Jackson and others, to see if the town would lay a side walk in Charles street — was referred to the committee of that section, who were authorized to lay a side walk with plank at the expense of the proprietors.—

The application of Mrs. Paine to have some repairs made on Olive street, was referred to the committee of Section No. 3.

The committee who had under consideration the subject of oil, lamps &c — Reported, that they had contracted with Mr. William Lovering Junr. for winter strained oil for five lightings, say about twenty six hundred gallons, at one dollar & seven cents, to be delivered in such quantities as the overseer of the lamps may wish; — and that they had appointed James Morgan overseer of the lamps, for which service they had agreed to allow him twenty five dollars per month, during the pleasure of the Board. Report accepted.—

The committee on the subject of dividing the lands on the Mill Pond, reported, [**166.**] That they had selected one eighth part of the lands which were proposed to be divided at the present time by the Mill Pond Corporation; — The plan of the lots selected was exhibited and examined by the Board: The report was accepted and the Chairman requested to inform the corporation of the lands selected.

The Proposals of Mr. Thayer to build a new engine, was referred to the committee who have that subject under consideration.—

The committee of Section No 1. reported that they had fenced in two lots of land on the Mill Pond; they [were ?] further instructed to fence the remaining lots belonging to the town if they should judge it expedient.—

The Board being informed that John C. Jones Esq. was erecting some buildings on Mill Pond street; — The Chairman was requested to notify Mr. Jones to desist and remove his buildings immediately.—

The Chairman informed the board that the water had failed in the well at Adams' school, that it would probably be neces-

sary to take up the well & sink about seven feet deeper. The subject [**167.**] was referred to the committee of Section No. 4. to do what they should judge expedient.—

The Chairman was instructed to ascertain if Mr. Marsh had complied with the directions of the board relative to the side walk in Beacon street: — and if he has not, to adopt such measures as may be necessary to enforce a compliance.

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen November 16th. 1821 —
Present The Chairman, Messrs. Babcock, Fennelly & Fitch.

10 Traverse jurors were drawn to serve at the present term of the Supreme Judicial Court.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 21st. 1821.—
Present the whole Board, except Mr. Loring.—

The Chairman reported, that he had made a communication to John Coffin Jones Esq., agreeably to the instructions of the Board; — Mr. Jones had replied that he did not wish to remove his buildings [**168.**] from Mill Pond street at present, but that he would take a lease of the land, during the pleasure of the Selectmen, and pay a reasonable rent for the same.— The subject was referred to the committee of Section No 1. & the Chairman to adjust the business with Mr. Jones.—

The cap-sill of Hancocks wharf having gone to decay, The committee of Section No 1. was authorized to pay such proportion of the expense of repairing the same, as belongs to the town.

The committee of Section No. 4. was authorized to repair the damage done by the tide on the wharf in Front street.—

The Chairman stated to the board, that the committee of the 3d Baptist Church wish a plank sidewalk laid in Charles street, & proposed to find the materials, if the town would pay the expense of laying the same: — The board assented to the proposal, excepting Mr. Wells.—

The application of Thomas Baldwin and others to continue the pavement in Pitts street, was referred to the committee of Section No. 2.—

The Chairman was instructed to notify Mr. Eckley & Mr. Eliot to place the side walk in front of their houses in Beacon street, in the manner in [**169.**] which Mr. Marsh was instructed to lay them the last year.

The committee of Section No. 3. to whom was referred the application of Harrison G. Otis Esq. & Augustus Peabody Esq. requested to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of those application; — The committee was discharged.

The committee of Section No. 1. was instructed to pay any sum, not exceeding twenty dollars towards the expense of improving Fleet street.—

The subject of granting permission for private patrole watches, was committed to the Chairman, Messrs. Fitch & Billings.

The Board agreed to meet the Selectmen of Roxbury & Brookline tomorrow at 3 o'clock P. M. on the subject of the boundary lines between the towns.—

[**170.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 28th 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

6 Petit jurors were drawn for the U. S. District Court.

The committee who were appointed to consider the subject of widening the street from Brattle Church to the Market — have met the parties concerned, consulted with them on the the subject and report.—
If the society in Brattle street will take their porch from the street on the south side of the church, widen the street on a line with the church (reserving six feet in front for their own use so long as they shall occupy that building as a house of public worship, for the purpose of erecting a fence on that line should they think it expedient) — And if David Sears or the persons in interest will convey to the town the land in front of the buildings now erecting, and of the Market on the same line for the purpose of a street: — and farther, if David Greenough will permit his side walk to be taken off about two feet on the same line where Brattle street enters Dock Square; then your committee recommend that the Town of Boston should pay to the parties in interest for their own use one thousand dollars. submitted by order of the committee.
Eliphalet Williams, Chairman.

[**171.**] The foregoing report was read and accepted.—

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to make out a return to the Court of Sessions of the names of such persons as have been approbated since the 1st. July last, & who have neglected to take out their licenses, and against whom there has been no complaint.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of an encroachment on Mill Pond street by Hon. J. C. Jones, have attended that subject & report.—

That it is the wish of Mr. Jones that those buildings may be permitted to remain during the pleasure of the Board, and that he will take a lease to that effect, and pay the rent annually:— your committee therefore recommend that the Chairman be authorized to sign a lease to Mr. Jones of this land at the rate of twenty dollars per annum during the pleasure of the Selectmen.

By order of the Committee.
E. Williams, Chairman.

Report accepted.

The petition of Stephen Brown and others on the subject of the incumbrances in Exchange street;—was referred to the Chairman, Messrs. Wells & Loring.

[**172.**] A return was signed to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, stating that Samuel Waters was a person non compos mentis, and recommend that a guardian should be appointed for him.

Voted, that all leases belonging to the town be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose.

The following return was received from the overseers of the lamps and ordered to be recorded.— viz.—

58 Lamps, Frederick Rupp — Washington street, a part of Orange and Front streets.

61 Lamps, Joseph Copeland.— South Bennet street, Harvard street, Kneeland, Oak, Ash & Beach streets, part of, Orange, Front, Essex, & Boylston streets.

65 Lamps, Nathaniel Hawes — Pleasant, Elliot, Carver, Nassau, Warren & Hollis streets.—
Part of Orange & Boylston streets.—

72 Lamps,— Aaron L. Darrow,— Mill Pond, Prince, Back, Richmond, Lynn, Snow Hill, Charter, Hull, Sheaf, Margaret Lane, Salem, North Bennett, Tileston, & Foster streets,— Johnson's, Henchmans & Greenoughs lanes — & part of Middle street.—

60 Lamps — Joseph Shaw — Sumner, Park & Walnut streets — Part of Temple, Middlecot, Cambridge, Hancock, South Russell, Buttolf, Belknap, Chambers, Pinckney, Olive & Beacon streets.—

58 Lamps,— Frederick Foegt, Howard, Bulfinch, Somerset, & Derne streets, Somerset Place, & Bowdoin Square, part of Court, Beacon, Temple, Myrtle, Belknap & South Russell streets.

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[**173.**] 55 Joseph Champney, Newbury Place, Jarvis Row, Suffolk Court, Winter, West, Bedford, & Mason streets, Bromfields Lane, Hamilton Place, & Sheafes Lane, part of Newbury & Common streets.—

60 Lamps,— Christopher Rowland, Town Dock, Butlers Row, old Market, Wilsons Lane, Pierces Alley, Dock Square, Hatters Square, & Green Dragon. part of State street, Cornhill, Ann & Merimack streets.— & Exchange street.

60 Lamps, William Rowland, Pemberton Hill, Hanover, Union, Friend, Portland, Hawkins, Sudbury & Elm streets, & Distillhouse Square. & part of Court & Merimack streets.—

63 Constant Southworth, North, Ship, Clark, Fleet, Garden, Moon, Fish & Center streets,— Battery, Salutation & Whitebread Alleys & Sun Court street.— Part of Middle & Ann streets.

70 Frederick Krantz, Chambers, Lynde, Staniford, Gouch, Pitts, Merimack, South Allen, Prospect, North Allen, Poplar, Leverett, Spring, Second, Brighton, & part of Green streets.—

57 James Wheeler, Walnut, Chestnut, George, Bridge, Vine, Blossom, Grove, North Russell, Southack, Streets & part of Myrtle, Pinckney, Olive, Charles, May & Cambridge streets. & West Center street.

60 Lamps, Hawley Place, Theatre Alley, Chauncy Place, Otis Place, Franklin & Hawley streets. part of Newbury, Milk, Atkinson, Federal, Congress, Water streets & Summer street.

58 Anthony Martis, Brattle Square, Cornhill Court, Brattle street, Market, Tremont, & School streets, & Franklin Avenue. — Part of Cornhill, State & Court streets.—

60 Peter Mash, Congress, Pearl, Oliver, Devonshire & Bath streets, Congress Square, Fort Hill, Hartford Place, Hamilton street & part of State, Water, Milk & High streets.—

60 Jonathan Wise, Broad & India streets Liberty Square, & part of Milk & Purchase streets.

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[**174.**] 57 William Shackford, Short, Sea, Columbia, Lincoln, Sister, & Kingston streets, Round Lane, and part of Essex, Summer, High, Purchase and Atkinson street.

1034 Lamps.

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen December 5th 1821.—

Present the whole Board.

The committee who were appointed on the 26th September last to confer with Messrs. Davis & Dorr on the subject of opening Northampton street, have attended that service and report: —

They have agreed with Messrs. Charles Davis & Jonathan Dorr of Roxbury, if they will cause Northampton street to be opened from Washington street, eastwardly to Davis's works in Roxbury, fifty feet broad, and on a line which your committee have designated as surveyed and staked out by Mr. Taylor, and elevate the street equal in height to the top of Hills Dam, and cause the same to be crowned in a proper manner, with suitable gutters at the sides of the street, with a coat of good gravel on the top, so thick as shall be necessary to make the road permanent, the labour to be performed in a workmanlike manner and completed within one year to the satisfaction of the Selectmen of Boston; — then the said Select- [**175.**] men in behalf of the town agree to pay Messrs. Davis & Dorr six hundred dollars.

Submitted by order of the committee.

E. Williams, Chairman.

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

The same committee laid before the Board, the following communication from Thomas Williams Esq. of Roxbury, which was ordered to be recorded.

Gentlemen, Selectmen of the Town of Boston.—

I have offered to Mr. Williams your Chairman to induce you to make the road from the Neck over Northampton street to Davis's Works in Roxbury — & I now explicitly agree that if the road is made as proposed within one year — that I will supply the town of Boston with as much gravel as they may require for ten years from this date at twenty cents per load — no load to exceed thirty hundred of gravel which is to be taken at [by] the Town from the hill near the slaughter house — provided the gravel last so long.

(signed) Thomas Williams.

Roxbury Dec. 1 1821.

Witness

Jona. Hunewell.

[**176.**] The petition of Jonathan Howard and others, that the Town would pay a part of the expense of placing a pump in a well at the head of Doane street, the whole expense of which is estimated at one hundred & fifty dollars; — was referred to the committee of Section No. 3. who were authorized to examine the pump, and allow a sum not exceeding thirty dollars, should they deem it expedient.

Mr. Wells, from the sub-committee on the subject of a new engine, reported, that they had attended to the subject, met with Messrs. Hunneman and Thayer, had examined with them two engines, one made by each of those gentlemen in order to ascertain which was on the best construction; — after an explanation of the relative merits of each the sub-committee stated, that, as it frequently happened that the practical operation and effect of a machine was different from what the theory appeared to suggest, and as a small difference of the cost was of no importance to the town in purchasing a good engine in preference to a bad one — The committee stated to those gentlemen, that they could not determine which was on the best construction; they requested that each should make an engine [**177.**] and they would select that which on that trial should prove to be the best.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen December 12th. 1821 —

Present the whole Board except Mr. Loring.—

30 Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court — also 34 Jurors for the Court of Common Pleas.—

On the application of Joshua Ward Junr. of Salem, inquisition was made into the circumstances of William Turner and return was signed to the Judge of Probate, stating that the said William Turner is a person non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of himself.

The following letter from Messrs. Eliot & Eckley was read, & ordered to be recorded; and that their request be granted.

To the surveyor of high ways:—

Boston Dec. 10. 1821.

Gentlemen,

The subscribers have been duly notified and requested by the Surveyors of Highways to cause the sidewalk in front of their estates in Beacon [**178.**] street "to be taken up, the edgestones and sidewalk lowered in a direct line from the edge stone in front of the house lately occupied by J. S. Colburn, westerly to the edge stone in front of the house occupied by Stephen Bean."—

They beg leave to represent that the side walk appears to them at present to be of a convenient and proper height in

relation to the range of the street and they regret extremely that it is thought proper to cause the same to be lowered as they apprehend that if at any future time the street should be paved it will be necessary to take up the side walk again for the purpose of replacing it in its present situation.

They therefore respectfully submit to the surveyors of highways that if any change is necessary it is rather expedient to raise the sidewalk in front of the houses now occupied by Messrs Bean, Cotton & Tuttle so as to continue the edge-stone in a direct line from the front of the house of Mr. Eckley to the front of Mr. Minots' house.

The subscribers will cause this alteration, if it meet the approbation of the surveyors of highways, to be made at their own expense the next spring in the course of thirty days after being required so to do by the surveyors of highways, it being understood that they are not to furnish any *materials* for this purpose, except the [**179.**] necessary quantity of earth and gravel.—

Signed Wm. H. Eliot
David Eckley.

Original in a trunk in Mass^{t}. Bank.

Whereas it was considered necessary and expedient the present season to make pretty extensive repairs and improvements in Franklin Place —

And in order to prevent injury to persons passing on the north side of that place from the projection of steps into the street —

The Selectmen have permitted the proprietors of the estates on that side of Franklin Place to inclose the land in front of their estates in a line with their steps —

Now be it known — and it is hereby understood and agreed by the subscribers, owners of those estates that we are to gain no right by possessing or improving the said land under the permission before named, other than we now have.—

Signed, Joseph Tilden
Hannah R. Amory
Thomas Wigglesworth
Elizth. Amory

Boston Nov. 2. 1821.

Original deposited in a trunk in Mass^{ts}. Bank.

[**180.**] The committee of Section No 3, to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Howard and others; — that the town would pay a part of the expence of placing a pump in Doane street, reported: That they had viewed the pump, found it well made, that there was abundance of water in the well, and that it would be of essential service in case of fire; — They therefore recommend that the Town should allow thirty dollars towards the expense.— Report accepted.

The Chairman was requested to advertise for a messenger to the Board, for watchmen & measurers of wood. —

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, December 19th. 1821.
Present the whole Board.—

A communication from the Grand Jury for the County of Suffolk, stating that they had found bills of indictment against William Brooks & Michael Riley, two of the constables, for mal-practice in office, and requesting that those persons may be removed from office: The subject was referred to the Chairman, Messrs. Billings & Wells, with instructions to take proper measures for the removal of those officers.

[**181.**] The following persons were appointed measurers of wood — viz.

William Green — North Section
Nathaniel Glover South "
William Glover — "
Joshua Butters — North "
Ephraim Nute — West "
Ebenezer Robbins — "

The committee on the application of J. Marshall to have a permanent watch established at the Market — reported, as the town watch is to be augmented it is unnecessary to establish a watch at that place — report accepted.

Johnson Colby, was appointed Messenger to the Board; to be allowed the same salary as the late Messenger.—

Messrs. Wells & Fitch were appointed a committee to examine the applications of persons to be appointed watchmen; and to select such as they shall judge best qualified for that service, not exceeding forty.

Voted, that the police officer be instructed to prosecute all offences for breaches of the Bye-Laws of the town; and that he make report of all his proceedings concerning the police of the town, to the Chairman every day before 12 o'clock M. any vote of this board to the contrary notwithstanding.

[**182.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 26. 1821.—
Present the whole Board.—

The committee appointed to consider the necessity of augmenting the number of watchmen, have attended to the subject and beg leave to report.—

That they are of opinion that it is expedient to add thirty six watchmen to the number now employed by the town, and that the augmentation be apportioned as follows.—

To the Eastern District sixteen men, & that the two first sections be subdivided into four — and to be guarded by five men, two men going their rounds together in the second sub-division — and one man to each of the others — that the third section be guarded by two men together and that the fourth & fifth remain under the care of one man to each as now provided.—

To the Western District twelve men — and that the second & third sections be subdivided in four with an additional man to each, that the first, fourth and fifth remain as they now are, and that two men going their rounds together be assigned to the fifth section.—

[**183.**] To the Northern District four men, by adding one man to section No. 1 — the sections remaining as they now are established, and the two men go their rounds together in the first section.—

To the Southern district four men, by adding one man to the second section, who with the other attached to this section, are to go together.

It will be necessary to state in explanation that the addition of one man to any section makes an addition of four to the watch because the watchmen are on duty alternately, every other night, and one man being on duty only one half of the night, all which is submitted

Dec. 22d 1821. S. A. Wells, Chairman.—

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

Moses Hadley &
Joseph W. Welsh were appointed measurers of wood for the Western District

The Chairman informed the board, that he was allowed by their vote of the 23d. May last, to lease to Mr. Blanchard a certain piece of land belonging to the town at the bottom of Rainsfords Lane on certain conditions there stipulated;— among those conditions it was required, "he should continue and keep in repair the drain, that he should build a solid wharf, & that [**184.**] he might occupy the same free of rent for fifteen years." It appears that Mr. Amory has proceeded and built a timber wharf & now wishes a lease;—

Voted, The Chairman be authorized to sign a lease of the wharf above named to Jonathan Amory for ten years under the same restrictions as were imposed on Mr. Blanchard May 23d. last.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 2d. 1822.—
Present the whole Board

Voted, that we now proceed to approbate all the person who have applied for liberty to perform the business of innholders, victuallers & retailers in the town of Boston — provided we approbate no person but what is known to some member of this Board, and provided that the whole number approbated for those various professions shall not exceed nine hundred.—

Voted, That the Committee who have the subject of obtaining a new Engine, under consideration, proceed & either purchase or hire a suitable building for the purpose of an Engine house at the North part of the Town.

[**185.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 4th. 1822.—
Present the Chairman, Messrs. Loring, Babcock, Billings & Fitch.—

30 Jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 9th. 1822.—
Present the whole Board, except Mr. Loring.

Voted; that the enlarged committee who reported to the Town a system of city & county government, be requested to apply to the legislature in order to obtain a bill for the purpose of carrying into effect the votes of the Town of Boston on this subject passed on the 31st. day of December and the two succeeding days.— And that the Town Clerk be directed to furnish the chairman of that committee with an attested copy of this vote.

The Chairman stated to the Board, that the Town Treasurer had paid him twelve hundred & thirty dollars being the amount due from the town to the fund of Mrs. Brooker and others; — he was authorized to receive applications from any person, or persons who may wish to hire [**186.**] the same upon a mortgage on real estate of three times the value of the sum loaned, and lay the same before the Board.—

On the application of a number of citizen a warrant was signed for a Town Meeting on Monday next.—

Approved the indentures of Augustus Etmaud to bind himself as an apprentice to Joseph Lebart, barber, until he comes of age on the 28th. day of July 1825.—

Voted; that the Board will approbate no person for a license as an innholder, victualler, confectioner or retailer of spirituous liquors, prior to the first Wednesday of February next.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 16th. 1822.— Present the whole Board, except Mr. Loring.

Voted; that the balance of money in the hands of the Chairman, belonging to the fund of Mrs. Brooker and others, be loaned to John Redman, after the title of the property to be mortgaged shall have been examined & that he cause the mortgage to be placed on record.

[**187.**] The Chairman, Messrs. Billings & Baxter were appointed a committee to draft & present a petition to the legislature on the subject of wooden buildings, agreeably to a vote of the town passed on the 14th. instant.—

The same committee were also requested to draft & present a petition on the subject of taxation agreeable to a vote of the 25th. September last.—

The Chairman was requested to advertise for proposals for printing a list of the taxes assessed in 1821 — agreeably to a vote of the Town.

The Chairman Messrs. Wells & Billings a committee on the subject of new districting the wards.

A number of citizens from the north part of the town, appeared and stated to the board that a number of depredations had recently been committed in that part of the town, and requested an augmentation of the watch.— Whereupon it was voted, that the committee of Section No. 1. should forthwith add as many men to the north watch as they should judge necessary.—

[**188.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 23d. 1822.— present the whole Board.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of augmenting the watch at the Northern District of the town report, that in consequence of many depredations having been made by breaking open shops & stores in said district, and the watch being much less in that part of the town than in some other parts — recommend that eight men be added to the watch in that district — Report accepted.

The application of John Foster & others proposing to raise a company to take charge of the new engine, was referred to the committee of Sec. No. 1.

The Chairman reported, that agreeable to the instructions of the Board of the 16th. instant he had loaned to John Redman from the fund of Mrs. Brooker & others, the sum of twelve hundred & thirty one dollars twenty two cents, and had received of him a mortgage on real estate — which is recorded & placed in a trunk at the Massachusetts Bank.

[**189.**] A communication was received from the Town Treasurer, stating that Saml. D. Parker Esq. had refused to pay rent for the office occupied by him in the old State House. — in consequence of the alterations made by the free masons the room was rendered untenantable.—

Voted, the Chairman be instructed to give notice to Francis J. Oliver Esq. to cause such alterations to be made as are necessary to make Mr. Parkers office tenantable, & settle with him for any injury he may have received — agreeably to the conditions of the lease between the inhabitants & the Grand Lodge. see letter on file.—

The Chairman reported that he had examined the account of Mr. Phillips Hay Weigher, to the 1st. instant, and found it correct; and that there was a balance due to the town, [of] one hundred & forty eight dollars, which he had ordered paid to the town Treasurer.—

The committee of Fire Wards attached to engine No 12, were authorized to repair that engine, provided the expense does not exceed one hundred dollars.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Babcock & Wells were appointed a committee, to prepare a form, & contract for the printing the list of taxes.—

[**190.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 30th. 1822.— present the whole Board, except Mr. Loring.

A communication from the Board of Health stating that a number of dead bodies had been removed from the burial ground, on the Neck; and requesting that the Selectmen would station some one of the watchmen near that place, was read,— whereupon it was ordered, that four men be added to the south watch, whose duty it shall be to guard the Neck, particularly the burial ground; — And the captain of the watch is instructed to carry the above order into effect.—

A committee from the Directors of the United States Bank, appeared and stated to the Board, that they wished to purchase a suitable place to accomodate the branch bank in this town; — and requested that a committee may be appointed to

confer with them on the subject of purchasing the Old State House: — The Chairman, Messrs Wells & Babcock were appointed a committee for that purpose.—

The committee of Section No 1. reported, that the house for the new engine [**191.**] was ready to receive the same; — The committee was authorized to organize a suitable company of engine men, and attach them to that engine.—

The Board approved and signed [an] indenture between Elisha Tyler Colburn, a minor, and George Wheelwright, turner and umbrella maker, to serve as an apprentice until he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, which will be on the twenty sixth day of March 1828.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen February 6th. 1822. Present the Chairman, Messrs Baxter, Babcock, Fennelly & Fitch.—

The application of Isaac Harris & others, inhabitants of ward No. 1, requesting that the passage way leading from the bottom of Foster street, and from Henchmans lane may be paved, was referred to the committee of Section No. 1.—

The Chairman informed the Board that the committee who were authorized to adopt a suitable form, and contract with a printer, to print a list of the tax books, had attended that service; and had agreed [**192.**] with Mr. Charles Hammatt to copy the books, for which service he is to be paid two dollars per day, that it would take about sixty days labour to perform that service; — that they had agreed with Messrs. True & Green to print the same, for which they are to be paid after the same shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Board, at the rate of one, & one half mills for each page; — the estimated number of pages in each book will be about 140 — they to deduct from the whole bill as above stated fifty dollars.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen February 13th. 1822.— Present the whole Board.—

On a precept received from the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of John White, and a return was made that the said John White is a person non compos mentis & incapable of taking care of himself.—

Wednesday the 27th. instant was appointed for the semi-annual visitation of the public schools; — The Chairman, Messrs. Babcock & Wells were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

[**193.**] Voted, that the new engine be numbered fifteen, and called by the name of Boston.

The company of engine men, raised to take charge of the new engine, presented the rules & regulations of their association for the approbation of the Board. The same were read & referred to the committee of Section No. 1 to examine & report at the next meeting.—

On the application of Michael Roulstone & others, a complaint was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate, stating that Lewis Bailey of Boston, bricklayer, does by excessive drinking &c. so waste his estate as thereby to expose himself to want — and recommending that a guardian should be appointed for him.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen February 20th. 1822 — Present Messrs. Baxter, Loring, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

22 Grand jurors,— and 35 Traverse jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.

[**194.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen February 26th. 1822.
Present the whole Board.

Whereas the laws of this Commonwealth provide that the Selectmen of the several towns may annually appoint by a writing under their hands any suitable person or persons as auctioneers in said town, and that they shall keep a record of the same, and shall receive for their own use for each and every license so granted, the sum of two dollars;— And, whereas the Selectmen of the town of Boston, did in the year 1820 — license fifty nine persons as auctioneers, and did also, in the year 1821 — license sixty one auctioneers; the money arising from this source amounted to two hundred and forty dollars, which sum the Selectmen decline receiving for their own use, but they deem it proper and expedient that the same should be by them appropriated in a suitable manner.—

Therefore, voted, that the Treasurer of this Board, pay from this fund sixty dollars to Mr. Willard for the clock now placed in the Selectmen's Room.

Voted, that the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars remaining in the hands [**195.**] of the Treasurer of this Board, be by him paid over to the Town Clerk, who shall transmit the same to the President and Members of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics' Association, together with a copy of this vote, as a donation from the Selectmen of the town of Boston,

for the purpose of constituting a fund for the relief of distressed members, and the families of indigent members of that Association; The interest of which to be appropriated by the committee of relief, to these objects.—

A communication was received from Ward N. Boylston Esq. requesting that a part of the land mortgaged by him to the town of Boston should be released, that he may be able to sell and convey the same, and pay the proceeds over to the town;— Voted, that this Board recommend to the Treasurer to discharge the mortgage on the land agreeable to his request — and that he receive the money; provided the interest of the town shall not be injured thereby.—

Warrant was signed for a Town Meeting on Monday the 4th day of March next to take the question on city government; also a warrant for another meeting for the 6th. March, on the subject of wooden buildings.—

[**196.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 6th. 1822 —
Present the whole Board.—

6 Jurors were drawn for the United States District Court.—

The communication from Whitwell, Bond & Co. on the subject of land sold the town on Summer street was referred to the committee of Section No. 4.

The application of Thomas Welsh Jr. and others on the subject of widening Hanover street, by cutting off a part of Mrs Hopkins' house, was referred to the committee of Section No 2 — who were authorized to make the improvement requested, provided the expense to the town shall not exceed $150 — and that the improvement be completed before the first of May next.—

[**197.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 13th. 1822
Present the whole Board.—

On the application of Messrs. Jonathan Simonds, Joseph Jenkins and Col Michael Roulstone, "a committee of a large number of citizens for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening previous to the election of Governor & Senators."— It was voted, that their request be granted.

The Chairman, Messrs. Wells & Billings, a committee to cause lists of the qualified voters in the several wards to be taken and printed for the use of the wards at the election of city officers.

On the application of Charles Guild, Joseph Willitt and Jabez Bullard, it was voted, that the street leading from Orange street to Front street, on the south side of Charles Guild's estate, shall in future be called, and known only by the name of Pine street.—

[**198.**] The committee appointed on the subject of new districting the wards, made the following report, which was read, accepted & ordered to be signed by each member of the Board, and published for the information of the inhabitants.— viz —

CITY OF BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S ROOM March 13, 1822.

Whereas it is provided, in the second section of an Act, entitled, "An Act establishing the City of Boston," as follows —

It shall be the duty of the Selectmen of Boston, as soon as may be after the passing of this act, to cause a new division of the said town to be made into twelve Wards, in such manner as to include an equal number of inhabitants in each Ward, as nearly as conveniently may be, consistently with well defined limits to each Ward, including in such computation of numbers of inhabitants, persons of all descriptions, and taking the last census made under the authority of the United States, as a basis for such computation.—

The Selectmen, by virtue of the authority before recited, hereby give notice, that they have performed the duty asigned them, and have divided the City of Boston into twelve Wards,— viz :—

Ward No. 1 — 3558 inhabitants.

[**199.**] From Winnesimett Ferry Westerly side of North and Middle to Prince Street, the Northerly side of Prince to Thacher Street, the northerly side of Thacher and Medford Streets to the Sea.—

Ward No. 2. 3800 inhabitants.

From Winnesimett Ferry, the Easterly side of North and Middle Streets to Cross Street, the northerly side of Cross Street east to the Sea.—

Ward No. 3. 3545 inhabitants.

Southerly side of Medford, Thacher & Prince Streets to Middle Street, Westerly side of Middle Street to Cross Street, southerly side of Cross Street, east to the sea, thence to the Town Dock through Market Square to Union Street, the northerly side of Union to Hanover Street, the westerly side of Hanover to Friend Street, the northerly side of Friend Street to Charles River.—

Ward No. 4. 3742 inhabitants. including 670 inhabitants on the Islands.

Southerly side of Friend to Hanover Street, the easterly side of Hanover to Union Street, the southerly side of Union Street through Market Square to the Town Dock, thence to the end of Long Wharf — including the Islands in the Harbor — North side of State Street from the head of Long Wharf through Court Street, Bowdoin Square and Cambridge Street to Staniford Street on the easterly side to Leverett Place, through Leverett Place on the northerly side to Prospect Street, from thence on the easterly side [**200.**] of Prospect Street to Causeway Street, on the northwesterly side of Causeway Street to Friend Street.—

Ward No. 5 — 3652 Inhabitants.

From the South western end of Causeway Street, through Prospect Street to Leverett Place, on the southerly side of Leverett Place to Staniford Street, thence through Staniford Street on the westerly side to Cambridge Street, thence through Cambridge Street on the northerly side to West Boston Bridge, thence by the River to Causeway Street.—

Ward No. 6. 3638 Inhabitants.

From West Boston Bridge south side of Cambridge to South Russell Street, westerly side of South Russell, to Myrtle Street, southerly side of Myrtle to Belknap street, westerly side of Belknap to Beacon Street, thence through Beacon Street westerly to Charles River, thence by the River to West Boston Bridge.—

Ward No. 7. 3787 Inhabitants.

From Beacon, the easterly side of Belknap to Myrtle Street, the Northerly side of Myrtle to South Russell, the easterly side of South Russell to Cambridge Street, the southerly side of Cambridge Street, Bowdoin Square and Court Street to Cornhill, the westerly side of Cornhill southerly through Marlboro' and Newbury to West Street, northerly side of West to Common Street, northerly by the easterly side of [**201.**] Common street, to Park Street, north side of Park to Beacon Street, the northerly side of Beacon to Belknap Street.

Ward No. 8 — 3588 Inhabitants.

Cornhill, through Marlboro' and Newbury Streets, on the easterly side, to Bedford St., through Bedford and Summer Street, on the northerly side, to the Sea, thence to Russia Wharf, thence through Atkinson Street, on the westerly side, to Milk Street, through Milk to Adams Street, on the Northerly side, through Adams amd Kilby, on the westerly side to State Street, through State Street on the Southerly side to Cornhill.—

Ward No. 9 — 3520 Inhabitants

From the northerly end of India Street, the southerly side of State to Kilby Street, the easterly side of Kilby and Adams to Milk Street, the southerly side of Milk to Atkinson Street, the easterly side of Atkinson-street to the sea, thence by the sea to the northerly end of India Street.—

Ward No. 10 — 3621 Inhabitants.

From south west side of Bull's Wharf, the southerly side of Bedford and West Streets to Common Street, through Common to Boylston Street, the northerly side of Boylston and Essex Street, to Rainsfords Lane, the easterly side of Rainsford Lane to the Sea, by the Sea to Bull's Wharf.—

Ward No. 11 — 3424 Inhabitants.

The Westerly side of Rainsford Lane to Essex Street, the southerly side of Essex & Boylston [**202.**] Street, through Charles Street, to the Mill Dam, thence by Charles River, and including the Rope Walks, to Pleasant Street, across Pleasant to Eliot Street, the northerly side of Eliot to Warren Street, the Easterly side of Warren to Orange Street, the Westerly side of Orange Street to Pine Street, the northerly side of Pine Street to the Sea, thence by the Sea to Rainsford Lane.—

Ward No. 12.— 3419 Inhabitants.

The southerly side of Pine across Orange, to Warren Street, the westerly side of Warren to Eliot Street, the southerly of Eliot, across Pleasant Street to Charles River, all Southerly of the above, including South Boston.—

ELIPHALET WILLIAMS
DANIEL BAXTER

ABRAM BABCOCK
SAML. BILLINGS

ROBERT FENNELLY

JERE. FITCH

S. A. WELLS
JONA. LORING

[**203.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 20th. 1822 —

Present Messrs. Baxter, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.

34 Jurors were drawn for the Court of Common Pleas.—

Warrants were signed for Town Meetings on the 28th. inst. on the application of the committee of the House of Industry,

&c for the choice of Governor, Lieutenant Gov., & Senators on the first day of April next.

Voted; that the committee appointed to take legal advice on the subject of the Town Dock, be instructed to proceed in that business, and report.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 27th. 1822 —

Present the Chairman, Mess Baxter, Babcock, Fennelly, Fitch & Wells.—

The application of William Sullivan, Benjamin Russell, Benjamin Smith, Barzillia Homes & Joseph H. Adams, a committee of the Federal citizens of Boston for the use of Faneuil Hall on Friday evening next, was granted.—

[**204.**] The following communication from the government of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, was read and ordered to be recorded — viz.

At a special meeting of the government of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association March 9th. 1822.—

The President communicated a note from Thomas Clark Esq. containing copy of a vote by which the gentlemen Selectmen of the town of Boston, presented to the President & members of this Association one hundred & eighty dollars, the interest of which only is to be applied to the relief of distressed members & the families of indigent members of this Association: — whereupon it was —

Voted, that the government do in behalf of the Association gratefully receive the said one hundred & eighty dollars, for the purpose of forming a fund which with such sums as may be given for similar purposes shall be called the "Relief Fund" — the interest only of which shall be applied by the committee of relief to assist the indigent members or the families of distressed members of this society.—

[**205.**] Voted, that the President, vice President & Treasurer be a committee to offer the thanks of the Association to the liberal donors of the sum above mentioned.—

The Committee feel happy in being the medium of communicating to the gentlemen the Selectmen of the Town of Boston [the] respectful thanks of [the] Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association for their liberal donation:

They annex copies of the votes of the government and are very respectfully their Obedient Humble Servants

John Cotton, President
John Doggett, Vice President
Joseph Lovering, Treasurer

A communication was received from George Bond, stating that he had executed a deed for the land thrown into Summer street, and requesting payment for the same —

Voted, that the sum of five hundred dollars be passed to the credit of Mr. Bond in the next draft on the Town Treasurer in full payment for said land.—

At a special meeting of the Selectmen April 2d. 1822 — Warrants for meetings in the several wards for the choice of city & ward officers was ordered to be prepared for a meeting on the 8th. instant.

[**206.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 3d. 1822 — Present, the Chairman, Messrs Baxter, Babcock, Billings & Fennelly.—

On the application of David S. Marston and others it was,

Voted, That Marshalls Lane, leading from Union street to Hanover street, shall in future be called, and known only by the name of Marshall street.—

The application of Tileston, Whipple & Hale was referred to the committee appointed to furnish the troops with gunpowder for the general muster the last season, with power to make an equitable adjustment of their demand.—

Voted, that the watch be reduced to the number of seventy two, private watchmen.

At a meeting of the Selectmen April 10th. 1822. Present the whole Board.

Mr. Loring made a communication from the Fire Wards requesting the Selectmen to allow the Fire Hook & Ladder house to be enlarged, the expense of which was estimated at $53 — Granted & Mr. Loring was requested to attend to the subject.—

[**207.**] The Board proceeded to examine the returns from the several wards of the votes given in on Monday the 8th. day of April A. D. 1822, being the second Monday of said month, for Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Boston the ensuing year.

Those for Mayor being first examined, were as follows, viz.

Whole number of ballots given in		3700
For Hon. Josiah Quincy - - - - - - -	1736	
" " Harrison Gray Otis - - - - - -	1384	
Thomas L. Winthrop Esq. - - - -	361	
George Blake Esq. - - - - - - -	156	
Scattering Votes - - - - - - -	63	
		3700

The Chairman then stated to the board the whole number of votes as above, and that no choice was made for Mayor of the City of Boston for the ensuing year.—

The Report accepted, & warrants issued for meetings in the several wards on the 16th. ins for choice of Mayor &c.

The Board then proceeded to examine the returns from the several wards for Aldermen, which were as follows,

Ward No	1	277
	3	230
	4	386
	5	292
	6	222
	7	444
	8	464
	9	277
	11	308
	12	289
		3189

[208.] The Chairman then stated that the return from Ward No 2, was informal, inasmuch as it did not state the whole number of ballots given for Aldermen agreeable to the requirement of the law, and without that information no mode can be devised to ascertain the whole number of votes accurately, Therefore the return from that ward ought to be rejected.— Report accepted.—

The Chairman stated, that the return from ward No 10 was evidently incorrect, as it states the whole number of *ballots* to be twenty five hundred & seventy nine, which far exceeds the whole number of qualified voters in that ward; — Therefore the returns from that ward ought to be rejected.— Report accepted.

The result of the election for Alderman for the City of Boston for the ensuing year would then be as follows — viz.

Whole number of Votes	3189	
necessary to make a choice	1595	
Bryant P. Tilden Esq. has	3057	And are chosen.
Ephraim Eliot — Esq. "	3044	
Joseph Jenkins — Esq. "	2990	
Jacob Hall Esq. —— "	2938	
Samuel Billings Esq.— "	2939	
Nathaniel P. Russell Esq. — "	1970	
Joseph Head Esq.—— "	1837	
Joseph Lovering Esq.— "	1840	

The whole report was again read & accepted.
Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

[**209.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 13th. 1822. Present the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly & Fitch.—

The Board proceeded to examine the returns of votes from the several wards, for Overseers of the Poor, School Committee & Firewards.—

For Overseers, viz.

Ward No. 1, whole number of votes - - - - - 261

necessary to make a choice - - - - - - 132
Col. Thomas Badger had 168 votes, and was chosen.

Ward No. 2, whole number of votes - - - - - 128

necessary to make a choice - - - - - - 115
Redford Webster had 115 votes and was chosen.

Ward No. 3, whole number of votes - - - - - 206

necessary to make a choice - - - - - - 104
Mr. John D. Dyer had 124 votes, and was chosen.

Ward No. 4, whole number of votes - - - - - 281

necessary to make a choice - - - - - - 141
William Mackay Esq. had 274 votes, and was chosen.

Ward No. 5, whole number of votes - - - - - 251

necessary to make a choice - - - - - - 126
Deacon Heman Lincoln had 247 votes and was chosen.

Ward No. 6, whole number of votes - - - - - 214

necessary to make a choice - - - - - - 108
Nathaniel P. Russell Esq. had 112 votes & was chosen.

Ward No 7. whole number of votes 289
Edward Phillips Esq. was unanimously chosen.

Ward No 8. whole number of votes 383

necessary to make a choice 192
Samuel May Esq. had 372 & was chosen

Ward No. 9. whole number of votes 176
Mr. Pliny Cutler was unanimously chosen

Ward No. 10. whole number of votes 264

necessary to make a choice 133
Thomas Jackson Esq. had 261 votes & was chosen.

Ward No. 11. whole number of votes 182
Henry Bass Esq. was unanimously chosen

Ward No. 12. whole number of votes 280

Mr. Daniel Carney had 264. & was chosen } necessary for a choice . . 141

For School Committee — viz.

Ward No. 1. whole number of votes 251

necessary to make a choice 126
Mr. William Parmenter had 172 votes and was chosen.—

Ward No 2. whole number of votes 234

necessary to make a choice 118
William Little Esq. had 133 votes & was chosen.

Ward No. 3. whole number of votes 204

necessary to make a choice 103
Doctor Horace Bean had 200 votes and was chosen.—

[**211.**] Ward No 4. whole number of votes . . 337

necessary to make a choice 169
Rev. Asa Eaton had 266 votes and was chosen.—

Ward No 5. whole number of votes. 251

necessary to make a choice 126
Rev. Charles Lowell had 127 votes & was chosen.

Ward No 6. whole number of votes 210

necessary to make a choice 106
Rev. William Jenks had 119 votes & was chosen.—

Ward No. 7. whole number of votes 282

necessary to make a choice 192
William Wells Esq. had 277 votes & was chosen.

Ward No 8. whole number of votes 387

necessary to make a choice 194
Mr. Elisha Clap had 337 votes & was chosen.

Ward No 9. whole number of votes 198

necessary to make a choice 100
Francis Bassett Esq. had 150 votes & was chosen.—

Ward No 10. whole number of votes 255

necessary to make a choice 178
Warren Dutton Esq. had 182 votes & was chosen.

Ward No 11. whole number of votes 200

necessary to make a choice 101
Rev. John Pierpont had 176 votes & was chosen.

Ward No. 12. whole number of votes 276

necessary to make a choice 139
Mr. William Dall had 270 votes and was chosen.

[**212.**] Firewards viz.

Ward No 1. whole number of votes 273

necessary to make a choice 137
Benjamin Cooney had 179)
Eleazer Pratt — " 160 } & are chosen.
Stephen Lock — " 172)

Ward No. 2. whole number of votes 234

necessary to make a choice 118
John F. Truman had 133)
Joseph Stone — " 127 } and are chosen.
Daniel Ballard — " 139)

Ward No. 3. whole number of votes 219

necessary to make a choice 110
Robert Bacon had 126)
John Minot " 128 } & are chosen.
Genet Holbrook " 126)

Ward No 4. whole number of votes. 288

necessary to make a choice 145
Thomas Melvill Esq. had 283)
James Davis 284 } & are chosen.
Jeremiah Fitch 281)

Ward No. 5 whole number of votes 291

necessary to make a choice 146
Mr. Jonathan Thaxter had 250 votes & is chosen.
there are two vacancies in this Ward.—

Ward No. 6 whole number of votes 216

necessary to make a choice 109
Jared Lincoln had 215
Jonathan Loring " 116 } and are chosen.
Joel Shipley — " 113

[213.] Ward No 7 whole number of votes . . 310

necessary to make a choice 156
Stephen Codman Esq. had 208
L. M. Thayer Esq. — " 310 } & are chosen.
William Tileston — " 208

Ward No 8. whole number of votes 384

necessary to make a choice 193
Bryant P. Tilden Esq. had 383
James Magee — " 379 } & are chosen.
William Tucker — " 380

Ward No 9. whole number of votes 190

necessary to make a choice 96
Joseph Jones had — 181
Benjamin Russell Esq. — 190 } & are chosen.
Leach Harris — 181

Ward No 10. whole number of votes 269

necessary to make a choice 135
Daniel Messinger Esq. had 268
Thomas Jackson Es— " 267 } & are chosen.
Luke Richardson — " 267

Ward No 11. whole number of votes 198

necessary to make a choice 100
Winslow Lewis Esq. had 180
John H. Wheeler " 178 } & are chosen
Jabez Ellis — " 156

Ward No 12. whole number of votes 276

necessary to make a choice 139

John D. Williams Esq. had 150
Noah Brooks 268 } & are chosen.
Samuel S. Wheeler — 276

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

[**214.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 17th. 1822.—

Present the Chairman, Messrs. Baxter, Babcock, Billings, Fennelly, & Fitch.

The Board proceeded to examine the returns from the several wards, of votes given in on the 16th. instant for a Mayor for the City of Boston; — when it appeared,
that the whole number of Votes was 2650

necessary to make a choice 1326

Hon. John Phillips had 2456 votes, and was declared to be elected Mayor of the City of Boston for the year ensuing.— and The Chairman was requested to notify the Mayor elect, of the choice.—

By returns from Ward No. 6. it appeared that Gideon Snow Esq. was chosen an Overseer of the Poor for that ward, in place of Nathaniel P. Russell Esq, declined.— & that Daniel Weld Esq. was elected an Overseer of the Poor in ward No 12. in place of Mr. Daniel Carney, resigned.

Joseph H. Adams Esq. in Ward No. 6.—
George W. Otis & Jona. Whitney Esq. in No 5.
Mr. Levi Brigham in Ward No. 8.—
Cap. Benjamin Darling in Ward No. 9 &
John L. Phillips in Ward No. 11. were chosen
Fire Wards to complete the [**215.**] elections in those wards; there having been no choice in Ward No. 5 — at the first election, of two Firewards; & in place of the following gentlemen who declined serving, viz —

Jonathan Loring Esq. Ward No. 6 —
Bryant P. Tilden Esq. — No. 8
Benjamin Russell Es — No. 9
Daniel Messinger Esq & — No 10
Winslow Lewis Esq — No 11.

The committee appointed to contract with the petitioners relative to the taking off the front part of a house belonging to Mrs. Mary Hopkins, being No. 30. in Hanover street, report,

that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have contracted with Mr. Hiram Smith; to cause the said house to be cut off in a straight line drawn from the house adjoining easterly to the house adjoining westerly, and to rebuild the same to the satisfaction of Mrs Hopkins; and to be done under the inspection of a committee of the Selectmen; — for the sum of one hundred & twenty dollars, & the work to be completed as soon as practicable.— The report was accepted, and the same committee, with the addition of Mr. Billings, was requested to see the contract fulfilled.—

(Copy) Boston 1st. April 1822. I the subscriber agree to comply with the above in all its parts.

(signed) Hiram Smith.

[**216.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 24th, 1822 —

Present the whole Board, except Mr. Babcock.

4 Grand jurors & 4 petit jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court.

A communication was received from the Mayor, Aldermen & Common Council elect; — Requesting the Selectmen to make suitable arrangements for the accommodation of such citizens as may be disposed to attend on the Inauguration of the Mayor in Faneuil Hall on the first day of May next.—

Voted, that the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars be allowed and paid unto Caleb Hayward in addition to his salary as police officer, the past year.

The Chairman reported that he had examined the account of Mr. Phillips, Hayweigher for the quarter ending the 1st. instant, found it correct, that there was a balance of $124.75. which he had ordered paid over to the Town Treasurer.

Voted, unanimously, that the thanks of this Board be given to Eliphalet Williams Esq for the able, faithful & impartial manner in which he has presided over the Board the past year.—

Attest, Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

[**217.**] I certify that the foregoing is a true Record of the Proceedings of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, from the 17th. day of March A. D. 1820 — to the 24th — day of April 1822 — both days included.—

Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.—

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